The Christina S. Walsh Foundation Presents Gift to CINJ Patient Relief Fund

The Christina S. Walsh Foundation presented $10,000 to The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Patient Relief Fund April 24, 2006 to assist patients and their families with emergency expenses not covered by health insurance. CINJ will also be a beneficiary of proceeds from the Christina S. Walsh Breast Cancer Foundation Second Annual 18-hole Shoot Out at the Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor, October 16, 2006.

The Foundation was established in 2004 by Bob Walsh of East Windsor to honor his wife who lost her life to breast cancer at age 32, in line with her wishes to help others going through the cancer experience with the smaller, but unexpected and stressful financial burdens that emerge.

For some families the costs associated with cancer go beyond medical expenses covered by health insurance. There is the loss of income while the patient or a spouse is unable to work, or is caring for an ill family member. Other costs can include medications, insurance premiums, transportation costs to treatment, meals and lodging for family, telephone bills, special diets, and hospice care. The Patient Relief Fund, managed by the Social Work Department at CINJ, addresses these needs on a case-by-case basis as an integral part of the caring for patients by the healthcare team at CINJ.