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**The Kingston Hospital Foundation Announces
Tulip Ball Honoree and The Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient**

Kingston, N.Y., – Feb. 19, 2010 – Françoise C. Dunefsky has been selected by The Kingston Hospital Foundation as the 2010 Tulip Ball Honoree and Nuise Bhitiyakul for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ms. Dunefsky became a part of The Kingston Hospital Family when she was hired as a staff nurse in June 1973. She expected to stay in Ulster County for a limited time. After 30 years as a hospital employee, she had held positions that included head nurse, infection control nurse, assistant and associate director of nursing, assistant administrator and vice president. After leaving The Kingston Hospital in 2003 she returned as a board member of The Kingston Hospital Foundation and in 2008 served as vice president of the Foxhall Ambulatory Surgery Center board. Beginning in 1998, Ms. Dunefsky held Adjunct Faculty positions in nursing for the next 20 years teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses at SUNY New Paltz and Mount St. Mary College. She holds an AAS degree from SUNY Ulster, a BSN from the SUNY REDN and a Masters in nursing with honors from Pace University. She took the next step in her career in 2004 by becoming President and CEO of Gateway Community Industries, Inc.

Ms. Bhitiyakul became the first woman member of the local Rotary Club in 1988. She has served in executive positions with the auxiliaries of both the Benedictine Hospital and The Kingston Hospital in addition to serving nine years on The Kingston Hospital Foundation board of directors. She has also worked as a board member of the local Girl Scouts, the area Red Cross and American Cancer Society of Ulster County and was given an honorary award from the Thai Red Cross College in 2006 of which she is an alumnus. In 2007, she was named Rotarian of the Year for Rotary International District 7210.

The Tulip Ball will take place on April 24th at 6 p.m. at Wiltwyck Golf Club in Kingston. For more information, please call (845) 334-2760 or e-mail Steffen Kraehmer at skraehmer@kingstonhospital.org.

About The Kingston Hospital Foundation

The Kingston Hospital Foundation offers financial support to The Kingston Hospital, a member of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®. The Foundation pursues its fund raising goals through a varied menu of programs. To learn more about the Foundation contact Steffen Kraehmer, Executive Director at (845) 943-6013.

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