



## **Korth of Certilman Balin honored at CCFK Black and White Ball; Event raised \$300,000 to benefit center's programs**

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The Cancer Center for Kids (CCFK) at Winthrop-University Hospital honored Donna-Marie Korth, philanthropist and partner at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP at its Ninth Annual Black and White Ball at Oheka Castle on April 30th. The event raised \$300,000 to benefit the center's essential psychosocial and creative arts therapy programs.

After Gala Emcee Sophia Hall of WCBS News Radio welcomed guests, Center Manager Ashley Carlo introduced a compelling new video, 6 Minutes at the CCFK, to the overflow crowd. CCFK director Dr. Mark Weinblatt thanked everyone for their support, and described the facility's focus on superior medicine and the pursuit of new research opportunities.

Dr. Weinblatt presented Korth with her award, and praised her tireless dedication to the Center's children and families. In her acceptance speech, Korth said, "We can all agree that cancer and kids are two words you never want to hear in the same sentence. But by adding just a few other words and making it The Cancer Center For Kids, you have transformed what can be a very lonely and daunting experience into one that is challenging, but something entirely different in a most positive and supportive way."

Dr. Weinblatt gave the CCFK's first Youth Philanthropic Award to Eric Ramsay IV, a senior at Bay Shore High School, for his fundraising efforts on the center's behalf. He also recognized John and Tara Schmitt, founders of Charlie's Champions Foundation and John Buran, CEO and president of Flushing Bank, for their ongoing commitment to the Center's children and families. In addition, The Parts Authority, whose April 2015 tradeshow raised \$30,000 to benefit this CCFK event, was cited for its exceptional generosity.

The Cancer Center for Kids, a member of the prestigious Children's Oncology Group, is Nassau County's largest outpatient facility for treating children with cancer and blood disorders. For more information about the CCFK, contact Ashley Carlo at 516-663-9400 and watch the Center's video at [www.winthrop.org/cck](http://www.winthrop.org/cck).

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