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THE WAKEFIELD CONCERT BAND FOURTH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT *AN AFTERNOON OF TIMELESS MUSIC*

RAISES RECORD AMOUNT FOR SOUTH COUNTY HOSPITAL

Wakefield, Rhode Island. May 17, 2011 — The Wakefield Concert Band is pleased to announce that its **Fourth Annual Benefit Concert, *An Afternoon of Timeless Music***, held Sunday, May 15th, in the South Kingstown High School auditorium, raised a record \$10,000 toward the purchase of specialized equipment for South County Hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

The Band dedicated its performance to the memory of Donald Ford who was president of the hospital from 1958 to 1986.

"This ensemble truly enjoys making music together," said Maestro Anthony J. Maiello, who was guest conductor and soloist for the event. "The members of the band and their gifted conductor have bonded together in a special way as caring and supportive human beings. This creates a magical musical environment that touches the hearts of all who hear their music," Maiello continued.

More than 500 concertgoers enjoyed the event which was hosted by NBC Channel 10's Jim Taricani. At the performance Mr. Taricani publicly credited South County Hospital for saving his life after he was stricken with a heart attack more than 20 years ago.

An impromptu encore at the conclusion of the concert featured vocalist Domenic Mainelli, a retired engineer and member of the Band's clarinet section, singing the Italian standard *Oh Marie*, accompanied on accordion by Mr. Maiello. The audience honored the performers with a standing ovation.

In just four years, the Wakefield Concert Band has raised nearly \$25,000 for South County Hospital. In addition to proceeds from ticket sales for this year's concert, nearly 50 individuals and businesses donated raffle items including gift baskets, works of art, and a weekend getaway to Block Island.

The Wakefield Concert Band, founded in the late 1890s, has been playing music throughout Rhode Island for more than a century. Band members come from all walks of life and have diverse musical backgrounds but play with one singular goal: to encourage community cultural enrichment and foster musical enjoyment. From holiday concerts to the summer concert series in Marina Park, the 75-piece Wakefield Concert Band has earned a solid reputation as a top-notch musical ensemble. Barry Lieberman, an accomplished Music Director and retired teacher from Bedford, NY, has been the Director of the Wakefield Concert Band since 2000.

To arrange an interview with Wakefield Concert Band Director Barry Lieberman, or for further information, please call (401) 294-7101. The Wakefield Concert Band Website is: www.wakefieldconcertband.com