



## Mark of Integrity

Newark's substance abuse rehabilitation center, Integrity House, hosted its annual Past, Present & Future Gala at the Hilton Short Hills. The gala funds the center's Initiative for Women and Children.

### SAVE THE DATE

**March 7: The Little Black Dress Event**, presented by Yanina & Co. Shag 88 salon, Gito stores, and host Lu Nello restaurant in Cedar Grove. (For tickets, call 973-837-1880.)

**June 10: The Foundation for Diabetes Research's 19th Annual Golf Classic** at Mountain Ridge Country Club. (973-894-1972, [diabetesnj.org](http://diabetesnj.org).)



ABOVE: Ronald Del Mauro, Barbara Melone, Louis LaSalle, Lucia DiNapoli Gibbons, Dennis M. Bone, and Michael Dozier; David Kerr presents Lucia DiNapoli Gibbons with the Integrity House honoree award. LEFT: Junior Committee members.



Foundation Spotlight



ABOVE: Executive director Arlene Sullivan with John Mayer at WPLJ's benefit for Blythedale Children's Hospital. LEFT: Rob Thomas signs the mural.

## Mural Mom

Arlene Sullivan, executive director of Changing Images Art Foundation, was inspired after she spent two months in the NICU when her son was born. "There's nothing to look at," says Sullivan, an art teacher and Towaco native. "Hospitals have to be sterile, but sterile-looking walls can drive you crazy." In 1997, Sullivan partnered with another mom to create colorful murals to hang in local hospitals. Staff, patients, volunteers, and even celebrities have filled in her outlines with nontoxic paint to create striking, cheerful works of art. "This is my way of saying thank you for my children's health," says Sullivan, whose paintings now number in the thousands (and counting) in NJ and around the world. To get involved, visit [changingimages.org](http://changingimages.org).

## Rock for the Arts

The New Jersey Arts Incubator kicked off its fall fundraiser at its new studio in West Orange's Essex Green Shopping Plaza. NJIA's mission is to help with the economic development of artists and arts organizations throughout the state.



ABOVE: NJIA executive director Amy Simon, Assemblyman John McKeon, NJIA chairperson Lisa Scalora, and New Jersey vice president of the JP Morgan Chase Foundation Elliott Lee; honorary event chairman and West Orange councilman Robert Parisi with wife, Sheila Parisi. LEFT: Asbury Fever provided live entertainment.

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