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Among the attendees and honorees at Integrity House's recent annual gala were Ronald Del Mauro, from left, president and CEO of Saint Barnabas Health Care System; Barbara Melone; Louis LaSalle; Lucia DiNapoli Gibbons, regional president Northern New Jersey of Wachovia Bank; Dennis M. Bone, president of Verizon New Jersey, and Michael Dozier.

300 gather for Integrity House's gala

STAFF REPORT

Newark's substance abuse rehabilitation center Integrity House hosted its annual Past, Present & Future Gala on Nov. 21 at the Hilton Short Hills.

More than 300 people gathered at this black-tie affair, which included a reception, silent auction, and an evening of dancing to the big-band sounds of Alex Donner and his Orchestra, all benefiting the center's Initiative for Women and Children.

The year's theme was "A String of Pearls," symbolizing the transformation that Integrity House student members undergo

during their recovery process.

Integrity House honored community members who have made a difference in the lives of those who suffer from addiction. Honorees included Dennis M. Bone, president of Verizon New Jersey, and Lucia DiNapoli Gibbons, regional president, Northern New Jersey of Wachovia Bank. President and CEO of Saint Barnabas Health Care System Ronald Del Mauro accepted the Community Partnership Award on behalf of Saint Barnabas, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, and Children's Hospital of New Jersey.

"Our annual Past, Present and Future Gala, among other important events, has made it possible for us to provide a treatment program that truly works for women suffering from drug addiction, and to keep them safe with their children," said David Kerr, founder and president of Integrity House. "We would like to thank the many donors and community leaders who have supported us and the gala throughout the years."

The Initiative for Women & Children at Integrity House addresses the needs of women through family stabiliza-

tion, substance abuse treatment and intensive care management. Integrity House strives to meet the growing need for comprehensive treatment of mothers with their children in New Jersey, with the ultimate goal of family reunification with a capable, safe, and healthy mother.

Integrity House is celebrating more than 40 years of providing substance abuse treatment and support services for more than 2,000 adult and adolescent addicts annually. This nonprofit treatment program is based in Newark and Secaucus. For more information, visit www.integrityhouse.org.

