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St. Joseph has plenty to celebrate at gala

You could feel the undercurrent of excitement at St. Joseph Hospital's 35th annual Gala & TODOS Auction on Oct. 6 at the Anaheim Marriott.



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The 700 guests, many of them hospital doctors, were delighted that the hospital had recently been named America's Best Hospital for Orthopedic Care by U.S. News &

World Report.

The announcement that the \$18 million private-donations goal had been reached ahead of time to help build the hospital's \$68 million state-of-the-art cancer center, expected to open in July 2008, brought raves all around.

Campaign co-chairman **Jim Hawkins** said, "We look forward to bringing world-class cancer care to Orange County." Hospital president and CEO **Larry Ainsworth** presented the Spirit of St. Joseph Award to Dr. **Robert Ball** and his wife, **Vinka**. Ball is one of seven members of the Ball family to have been affiliated with St. Joseph Hospital since it opened in 1929.



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Ainsworth said, "Bob and Vinka have contributed untold hours and significant personal gifts and have actively widened the circle of hospital supporters by drawing in their friends."

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, considered an integral part of the hospital's success as hospital founders and sponsors, presented the Values in Action Awards, which included, for Dignity: **Kathleen Penzes**, executive director of Med-

ical Surgical Units; Service: **Simon Paredes**, Food Services supervisor; Excellence: **Maureen Nagelhout**, executive director of Women's Services; and Justice: **Martha Schlemmer**, clinical lab scientist.

Gala net proceeds of \$200,000 were designated for the new cancer center.

HOSPITAL BENEFIT: From left at left, Dr. Robert Ball, Vinka Ball, Larry Ainsworth and event co-chairs Janice Ramsay and Chris Layton at St. Joseph Hospital's gala, which raised \$200,000 for a new cancer center.