



## **Hospice & Palliative Care Tree of Life Lighting Reception Ushers in the Holidays**

**White Plains, NY - (December 14, 2009)** – Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) recently ushered in the holidays with its annual lighting of its Tree of Life. The event took place at the Hilton Rye Town's MED 1535 Restaurant, Rye Brook. More than 80 people attended the event.

"Holidays are very difficult for families whose loved ones are terminally ill, and it is especially difficult for people who have recently lost loved ones," said Kate Colburn, M.A., executive director for HPCW. "This event is a way to bring everyone together and foster a greater sense of family and love at a special time of year."

Provident Bank served as the Grand Sponsor. Additional sponsors included Beecher Funeral Home, Efficiency Printing, Hilton Rye Town, and Ross Mailing Service, Inc. Manhattanville College's pop vocal group, The Quintessentials, provided the evening's music and entertainment.

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester is located at 311 North Street, Suite 204, White Plains, NY. For additional information, visit [www.hospiceofwestchester.com](http://www.hospiceofwestchester.com) or call 914.682.1484.

**About Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester:** Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester is a private, not-for-profit healthcare agency that provides skilled, compassionate and comprehensive end-of-life home care to patients with any diagnosis and gives support to their families and loved ones.

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*Manhattanville College's The Quintessentials provided music and entertainment at the Tree of Life tree lighting reception, which was hosted by Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester.*



***From left:*** South Salem resident Al F. Colligan, Vice President, Commercial Relationship Center Manager for Provident Bank; Darien, Conn. resident James P. O'Toole, chair of Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester's Board; and White Plains resident Kate Colburn, M.A., Executive Director for Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, at the Tree of Life tree lighting reception, which was hosted by Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester



***From left:*** Event sponsor and Yorktown resident Kevin Hanlon, Director of Catering, Hilton Rye Town; Darien, Conn. resident James P. O'Toole, chair of Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester's Board; sponsor and Cortlandt Manor resident Rita Kokkoris, Vice President, Community Business Development for Provident Bank; and sponsor and White Plains resident William F. Flocks, Jr., co-chair of Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester's (HPCW) development committee, at the Tree of Life tree lighting reception, which was hosted by Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester