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## **Red Cross Honors Long Island Hospitals**

(Hauppauge, NY . . . June 9, 2008) The 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals on Long Island were honored by the Red Cross of Nassau County at the Red Cross' Annual Gala held Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at Westbury Manor. The hospitals were recognized as Partners in Preparedness.

Long Island hospitals and the Red Cross have a long tradition of working together to help communities prepare for and respond to disasters. Through Joint Preparedness Fairs, educational literature, and the many life saving skill classes offered by the Red Cross, both these entities make it a priority to ensure that hospital employees, as well as community members, are prepared for any disaster. From tips on assembling an emergency supply bag to developing an effective communication plan, the Red Cross and Long Island's hospitals are inextricable partners in keeping all Long Islanders safe.

(More . . . see embedded and separately-attached photo)



Kevin Dahill, (second from left) president and CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, accepts the Red Cross' Partners in Preparedness Recognition Award. With him from left are Robert Nori, Director of Development for the American Red Cross in Nassau County; Dahill; Frank Cassano, CEO of the American Red Cross in Nassau County; Preston Pumphrey, Chairman of the Board of the American Red Cross in Nassau County; and Carolyn Gusoff, reporter/anchor, NBC-TV Channel 4, who served as the evening's mistress of ceremonies.