



Visiting Nurse Association
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RIDING FOR A CAUSE

*Annual pig roast and motorcycle ride takes on new meaning for
Monmouth County Motorcycle Club and Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey*

Red Bank, NJ, August 2008 – A local Red Bank motorcycle club, “The Numbskulls” donated more than \$3,100 to Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) in memory of Amy Gamble, the mother of one of the founding club members. The gift, raised at their annual pig roast and motorcycle event, was given in gratitude for the exceptional nursing care Mrs. Gamble received from VNACJ during her struggle with cancer.

The motorcycle club was created in 2005 by a group of local professionals in the Monmouth Country area and since that time has grown to over 40 members. The pig roast and ride were started in 2006 as a purely social event. It was not until this year that they felt it needed to take on new meaning as a charitable event. They made the decision to charge a fee and to donate the proceeds to VNACJ.

“Our family was grateful to the VNA for the genuine caring and support my mother received during her illness. It was her wish that all donations made in her memory be directed to the VNA of Central Jersey,” stated David Gamble, Amy’s son. “When people learned that the funds would go to the VNA of Central Jersey, we started hearing so many stories of how they too had been touched in some way by their care and compassion.”

The event grew to the point that people had to be turned away due to accommodation restrictions. Many people donated more than the ticket price and even the 50/50 winner donated his winnings back to the VNA.

“We felt very honored to receive this gift,” said Mary Ann Christopher, president and CEO of VNACJ. “It has been our calling to serve those who are most vulnerable through illness or social circumstance and there is nothing more rewarding than to hear that we have been successful in providing comfort and support to a patient in need.”

“This is a wonderful example of the generosity of this community,” added Judy Stanley Coleman, VNACJ chair. “It is acts of kindness such as this that sustain our mission.”

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, now in its 95th year of service, is a nonprofit provider of in-home health care and hospice services. The organization also offers extensive community-based health and wellness services throughout its service area of Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean counties.

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VNACJ Chairman, Judith Stanley Coleman (seated right) and Mary Ann Christopher, VNACJ president and CEO accept a generous gift from 'The Numbskulls' (left to right), David Gamble IV of Neptune, Dave McAllister of Northern New Jersey, Paul Beisel of Red Bank, Martin Jaksa of Neptune, and Mark Kentos of Freehold.