



V.I.A. BENEFICIARY FACT SHEET  
2010 BUCKS COUNTY DESIGNER HOUSE & GARDENS

SHOWCASE EVENT – GOAL: \$250,000

DOYLESTOWN HOSPITAL

- In 2006, the V.I.A. pledged to help raise \$750,000 over a five-year period to help fund a new and expanded Emergency Department at Doylestown Hospital. Each year one in five residents seeks treatment in the Doylestown Emergency Department resulting in a 60% increase in visits over the last ten years. Scheduled to open in spring 2010, this modern facility is designed to meet growing community needs and includes: Forty private ED beds, a dedicated pediatric unit, a biohazard treatment area, and Chest Pain Center, and a 40-bed medical/surgical unit and parking garage. A major portion of the 2010 Bucks County Designer House & Gardens event will be contributed to this project.
- In the recent past, Designer House contributions have also provided the hospital with: an expanded cardiac monitoring system which enabled the hospital to implement a Universal Bed program; construction of the Heart Institute; and purchase of an ultrasound machine, mammography machine, ventricular assist device and an obstetrical fetal monitoring and surveillance system.

OTHER V.I.A. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Welfare: Provides food, clothing, shelter and medical assistance to those in need within our community.
- Women's Scholarship: Provides scholarships to eligible women who wish to pursue health-related occupations. Scholarships include assistance with job training, education and placement to help these motivated and ambitious women become self-supporting and making a better life for themselves and their families.
- Community Response: Works to enhance the quality of life for community residents by partnering with other groups and agencies to target evolving community needs and priorities. Grants are awarded on a one-time basis to an agency or individual to help unmet community needs in the areas of health, economic and social issues. Past recipients of grants include: YMCA for an aquatic lift, Child Home and Community for pre-natal classes, Central Bucks School District for a heart monitor, the Cottage Street Sports Club, the Bucks County Library, and the Doylestown Hospital Arboretum.
- James Lorah Memorial Home: Available for functions by community organizations and residents. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this home was willed by one of the organization's charter members, Miss Sarah James, and serves as the V.I.A. headquarters.

In 2009 the Bucks County Designer House & Gardens event raised \$283,171. More than \$220,000 was dedicated to the Doylestown Hospital Emergency Department while the remaining \$63,000 supported the V.I.A. initiatives mentioned above.

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