

November 7, 2003 my husband and I attended the 3rd annual fund raiser for the Ray Of Hope Foundation at the Casino in the Park banquet hall located in Jersey City.

Needless to say, it was a delightful evening. The variety of delectable dishes was more than the average appetite could handle and if you are blessed with a hardy appetite, you had a choice that was sure to please and satisfy.

The beautiful baskets donated for the silent auction added to the excitement of the evening. The variety of gift baskets contained gourmet foods to "must have" items that would please the most discerning tastes.

The best part of this evening was knowing that the funds raised would benefit many local families and children in dire need of medical and financial assistance.

The Ray of Hope Foundation generously shares miraculous oil provided by the weeping St. Ann and Blessed Virgin Mary portrait to all who attend the rosary recitals every Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Rosary House located at 15 Holmes Avenue in Jersey City. This miraculous oil has the power to heal ailing bodies as well as soften hardened hearts. Hardened hearts refers to individuals who have lost their faith and hope. Nothing is impossible with God Our Heavenly Father. The love of Our Blessed Mother for her children is great and she is constantly urging us to pray and assist those in need of encouragement and inspiration.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Diane Salteralli, Debbie Sherman and Lucille Buonocore, the banquet was successful. We also thank everyone who generously donated the auctioned baskets as well as participated in this wonderful event.

We especially thank Ray Skop and his wife Nancy for their endless time and efforts in bringing joy, hope and healing to all those seeking assistance.

Your companion in prayer,

Mary Sayad