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**ECH Auxiliary Holds Valentine's Raffle**

**Elizabethtown, N.Y. (January 11, 2010)** – The Elizabethtown Community Hospital Auxiliary is selling tickets for its Valentine's Day Raffle.

This year's prize is an overnight stay at the Mirror Lake Inn in Lake Placid, along with breakfast and Swedish massages for two. Tickets are \$3.00 each or \$5.00 for two; and are available from any auxiliary member, the hospital's community relations office, or Champlain National Bank.

The drawing will be held on February 12.

Auxiliary President Laura Sells-Doyle is pleased to be able to offer such a significant prize. "The Mirror Lake Inn is one of the area's most beautiful properties", she said. "We are so pleased that Ed & Lisa Weibrecht (the owners) agreed to be a part of our event."

Throughout the year, the auxiliary holds various fundraisers. Donations to the auxiliary help the group purchase items that hospital managers aren't able to include in departmental budgets. In 2009, the group raised over \$12,000 which purchased medical record carts, waiting room furniture, a patio awning and chair side televisions for patients.

In addition to equipment, the group awards an annual \$500 scholarship, purchases holiday gifts for patients and stocks the ER with necessities for those who find themselves at the hospital unexpectedly and empty-handed.

Contact the hospital's community relations office at 873-3003 for additional information, or to purchase tickets.