



*Standing L-R: Dr. Frank Barone, Mayor Carleton Finkbeiner and event co-hostess Joyce Rimmelin.*

## 'Holiday Sparkle' raises funds for The Victory Center; Dr. Barone honored with proclamation

Chicks for Charity members Joyce Rimmelin and Cheryl Fisher hosted a fundraiser to continue to raise much-needed money for The Victory Center (TVC). "Holiday Sparkle" was presented at the offices of Dr. Frank Barone & evol medical aesthetics to a sold out night with a SRO group of "Chicks." The evening not only raised funds for TVC but collected Toys for Tots for the USMC; and new Chick that evening Rosie Barone was presented with a bouquet of roses in honor of her 90th birthday. The event involved even more than raising funds and donating toys. It was an acknowledgement of Dr. Barone's commitment not only to the Toledo community, but the World community. It was a welcome home to Dr. Barone from his recent trip to Viet Nam, celebrating the 20th anniversary of Operation Smile's first trip in 1987, in which Dr. Barone took part. He has volunteered for over 25 missions worldwide and organized the Northwest Chapter of Operation Smile that provides free surgeries to children from the Toledo area.

To honor his commitment to the Toledo community, special guest, Mayor Carty Finkbeiner presented Dr. Barone with a Letter of Proclamation from the city of Toledo

along with a goblet and a bottle of Holy Toledo Water. Joyce and Cheryl were able to keep the mayor's appearance a secret from Dr. Barone, who was stunned as his presentation was interrupted. Mayor Finkbeiner also recognized Rosie Barone's birthday.

Assisting Joyce and Cheryl were Jr. Chicks Lizzie Rimmelin and Lexl Fisher. Raffle baskets included one from Jacquie Olender, owner of Heaven's Gate Soy Candles and new Chick Laurie Gascoigne. Dr. Barone's wife, Lisa, greeted the many guests. Jeannie Hylant and Sandra Hylant were there, as well as new Chick Connie Feldstein from Heidelberg Distributing. Cindy Rimmelin volunteered to have a Visia (computerized analysis of her skin) done, as well as Sandie Zaruca for a Skin Medica Makeover. TVC's Executive Director Kelly Brooks and Lara Johnson also from TVC attended. Dr. Barone provided gift bags for all of the ladies in addition to a door prize raffle.

Joyce and Cheryl have raised over \$3500 for TVC at the three Chick events they hosted this year thanks to Dr. Barone & Jacob's Garden, generous supporters of the organization.