



*ACC Planned Giving Specialist Shelley Nannenga (right) presents Barb Jager with the diamond from the diamond raffle at this year's New Year's Eve Gala.*

## Center Celebrates Start of Another Memorable Year

The Anne Carlsen Center celebrated the end of 2009 and the beginning of 2010 through the seventh annual Sparkle! New Year's Eve Gala.

"It was another wonderful evening – the food, the music and the company were all spectacular," said ACC Foundation Executive Director Dan Kunzman. "We owe such a debt of gratitude to our volunteers, our staff and the Gladstone Inn for all they did to make sure this event remains an elegant evening for all."

The event sold out as more than 140 people attended the gala. Attendees – including Community Partners, donors, staff and other ACC friends – danced to live music from the group Joe Dresch, and bid on more than 30 prize packages during a silent auction. Among the packages from the event were tickets to a UND hockey game, artwork, golf passes to Thumper Pond Resort,

and a massage/spa package.

The highlight of the evening was the diamond raffle, in which the winning ticket holder took home an 81-point diamond. Barb Jager, a home team leader at the Center's Jamestown campus, could hardly believe it when her name was drawn by last year's winner: Jennifer Lettenmaier.

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Denise Jensen, the ACC activities coordinator. "The evening is as inspiring as it is memorable for students, families and staff."

ACC students age 16 and over will enjoy a formal dinner, grand march, coronation and themed dance. The theme of the dance – either "By the Light of the Moon" or "Above City Lights" – will be voted on by the ACC student body.

Student attendees will dine at a formal dinner that evening. Invitations and more information about the event will be sent out to Center families at a later date.

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of \$4,000.

ACC spread the word about Giving Hearts Day by stuffing employees' paychecks with a reminder, while banks and area pizza places gave similar stuffers to customers. Also, members of ACC and the ACC Foundation appeared on area radio and television programs to talk about the donation opportunity.

## Just a Reminder ...

Per guidelines from our insurance carrier, the Anne Carlsen Center cannot send home center-owned medical equipment for home usage during a child's visit. This includes equipment such as feeding pumps, monitors, suctioning machine, CPT machine, etc. Some private insurances may cover the cost of purchase or rental. Donna LeFevre, ACC Social Worker, can also be contacted for assistance in pursuing funding options for purchase or rental.