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## On shining stars

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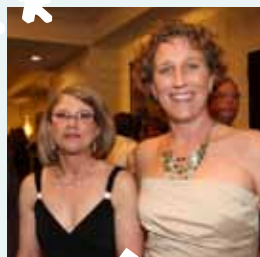


The holiday season embraces many beautiful images. One of my favorites is that of shining stars – brilliant prisms of light illuminating the accomplishments of both the past and the present. I was reminded of this image on November 3rd at the Johnson & Johnson Gala, The Promise of Nursing for South Carolina. It was a grand, formal ballroom affair in which nurses from across the state celebrated their chosen profession.

But it was more than simply a social event. It truly gave testimony to what nurses contribute each day to improving the lives of patients and families from all walks of life. The attendees listened to the personal stories of their colleagues, and delighted in short videos highlighting scenes from the world of nursing. Each nurse felt honored and humbled by evening's end.

The other sparkling part of the evening was that the gala raised almost \$300,000 for nursing programs in our state. At a time of limited financial resources this represents a rich and important gift to our community and reflects a nicely wrapped present for the new year ahead.

I only wish that each of you could have attended the event, but hope you will enjoy seeing some of the photos of the evening. Most importantly let us celebrate this season remembering that every nurse is a special and unique shining star. Happy Holidays...Gail



**Wishing you all a safe and happy new year!**

