

PAWA— Making A Difference

In November 2007 PAWA proudly presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to the Diabetes Association Inc. of Fall River to benefit *Camp Kyle T. Woodruff for Children with Diabetes*. The money was raised through the 2nd annual Wine and Cheese Gala that was held at the Tsetse Gallery in Providence in August 2007

Ed Garcia, Executive Director of DIA was excited that the funds raised from this event benefited the camp. “Our organization is so fortunate to benefit from the diligent work of the Portuguese American Women’s Association at such a wonderful event.”, said Garcia, “The money raised will allow the DAI to provide a safe and enriching camp experience to 10 children that are living with diabetes in our area. The DAI is so very thankful and looks forward to future partnerships with PAWA in order to continue our outreach to the Portuguese community, which is at great risk for the disease.”

Susan Pacheco, President of PAWA noted, in view of the fact that the City of Fall River has the highest incidence of diabetes in Massachusetts and the third highest incidence in the United States, community groups such as PAWA need to take affirmative steps to fight this battle and to educate the community so that needless suffering can be avoided.”

PAWA also donated \$1,000 to the American Heart Association from the Wine and Cheese Gala proceeds