WAYNE, NJ [January 11, 2012] –Recently, over 100 guests gathered at the Acute Rehabilitation Unit (ARU) of St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital (SJWH), a division of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Wayne, New Jersey, when one of the rooms was transformed into an art show exhibit. Featured was the work of Ralph Arminio, Sr., a Little Falls artist and businessman.

The Arminio family credits Sister Mary Pauline Hogan, SC, Patient Relations Representative, SJWH, for encouraging Mr. Arminio to take up drawing again while he recovered in the hospital following a stroke. His family initially brought a sketchpad and pastels for Mr. Arminio but he

was sure he'd never be able to draw or paint again and so the art supplies lay unused in a drawer.

Sister Pauline learned that Mr. Arminio enjoyed classical music and as they bonded over that, she also learned that he was an artist. As his physical and mental recovery progressed, Sister Pauline was able to coax Mr. Arminio into sketching again. Soon, Mr. Arminio was producing landscapes and portraits in his new sketchpad provided by Sister Pauline.

Sister Pauline and Mr. Arminio both noted his improvement and thought his art could inspire the other patients who were also recovering in the ARU.

Sister Pauline worked to put on an art show that would showcase Mr. Arminio's art, featuring many portraits of film legends, political figures and family members. The art show drew over 100 guests, including patients, visitors and hospital staff.

"Ralph Arminio, Sr. and the Arminio Family would like to thank Sister Mary Pauline Hogan and the staff of St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital for all that they do," said a letter to the hospital from the Arminio family. "Through this show (patients) saw with their inspiration and efforts, hard work and love that rehabilitation is achieved through physical, mental and spiritual labors."

Caption to accompany attached photo:

Artist Ralph Arminio, Sr., of Little Falls, presents a selection of his work at his personal art show during his recuperation in the Acute Rehabilitation Unit (ARU) of St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital, a division of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Wayne, New Jersey. Over 100 guests, including patients, visitors and hospital staff, visited his exhibit and experienced his story of recovery.