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## **Four-Time Olympian Joetta Clark Diggs to be Honored at East Orange General Hospital Gala**

**EAST ORANGE, N.J., March 15, 2011**– Best known as a four-time Olympic track star and for her ongoing work with young people and communities, Joetta Clark Diggs will be honored by East Orange General Hospital at its annual Ball of the Oranges gala to be held on Friday, May 13.

Hosted by East Orange General's Foundation, the black-tie fund raising event will be held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, 350 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange beginning at 6 p.m. A cocktail hour will be followed by a dinner program and conclude with dancing. Proceeds from the evening will provide significant funding for vital patient programs and services.

Honoree Joetta Clark Diggs was born at East Orange General Hospital. For more than three decades she was known as America's premier middle distance runner. A four-time Olympian and multiple-time national and collegiate track champion while at the University of Tennessee, Mrs. Clark Diggs now lives in Hillsborough and is president of the Joetta Sports and Beyond Foundation..

Through her foundation, Mrs. Clark Diggs is committed to motivating young people and teaching them the value of good health, exercise, a positive work ethic and scholarship. She is also much sought after nationally as a motivational speaker and author.

"We are delighted to recognize Joetta Clark Diggs as this year's Ball of the Oranges honoree," said East Orange General's President and CEO Kevin Slavin. "Beyond her achievements as a world-class athlete, Mrs. Clark Diggs has become an inspiration and role model for young people. Her work in communities has inspired many to pursue their highest goals through dedication and perseverance."

For sponsorship information or to register for the Ball of the Oranges, call the East Orange General Hospital Foundation at 973-414-1871, or e-mail [Robinsons@evh.org](mailto:Robinsons@evh.org).

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## **About East Orange General Hospital**

East Orange General Hospital is East Orange's largest private employer and Essex County's only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital. Serving the community for over a century, East Orange General Hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. Specialty areas include: Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Behavioral Health, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services.