

Local physician honored for work in women's health

ALBANY — A longtime local physician who has participated in several medical missions to her native Philippines was honored Tuesday evening for her dedication to women's health.

Dr. Fe Mondragon, who has practiced locally since 1981, was named Tuesday as the 2011 winner of the Jane Golub Leadership in Women's Health Award.

The award was presented at the 11th annual Women's Night Out, a benefit for Ellis Medicine's Bellevue Woman's Center.

Organizers of the benefit expected more than 600 women to be in attendance at the Albany Marriott. The event included panel discussions on breast and ovarian cancer research and a keynote speech from

Hoda Kotb, co-host of the fourth hour of "The Today Show" and a breast cancer survivor.

Mondragon was named the 2011 award winner for her service to women and babies in the community, officials said.

She opened her solo practice in Clifton Park in 1981, then joined Dr. Gerard McGrinder in October 2000 to start Mondragon McGrinder Medical Associates in Clifton Park and Schenectady. The practice now serves more than 28,000 women locally, officials said.

She started her career in her native Philippines, receiving her doctor of medicine degree there in 1969. By 1975, Mondragon immigrated to the United States, joining the obstetrics/gynecology residency program



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Dr. Fe Mondragon stands Tuesday evening between Neil and Jane Golub. Mondragon was honored with a Leadership in Women's Health Award.

at Albany Medical Center.

Mondragon has practiced locally since. She also has returned to the Philippines several times over the years as part of Operation Share In-

ternational, serving surgical needs of OB/GYN patients.

Mondragon is the mother of three children and grandmother to four.