

## Newsmakers

# Young Leaders United make donation to Abilities First

United Way of Dutchess County's Young Leaders United collected three large cartons filled with 60 toys and gifts and \$350 in donations at a holiday gathering attended by 50 members and friends on Dec. 15 at Cosimo's in Poughkeepsie. The money was used to purchase a Wii gaming system, two extra controllers with

Nunchucks and the Wii Sports Resort game.

The toys and Wii system were delivered to Abilities First on Dec. 21. YLU's mission is to support the work of United Way of Dutchess County and foster a spirit of community involvement among the next generation of our leaders.



Abilities First Assistant Executive Director Ellen Griffin (2nd from left) accepts gifts from United Way of Dutchess County's Young Leaders United on Dec. 21. The toys were delivered by YLU members (l. to r.) Matt Paquet, who also works for Abilities First; Mariel Gil, YLU co-chair and an attorney with Handel & Carlini; Karinna Kelly of Kallman Insurance; Omer Gil (back row), YLU co-chair and an attorney with Iseman Cunningham Riester & Hyde; Nick Shannon of Saint Francis Hospital & Health Centers; and Ashok Mandava of Indotronix/Wallace IT Services.