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\$2.5M in New Grants Announced

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research announced 18 new Medical Research Awards totaling \$2.5 million. Selected from a long list of hopeful applicants, top candidates were chosen after rigorous peer review by the Foundation's expert ten-member Medical Advisory Board, led by Stephen D. Nimer, M.D. The great success of the *Angel Ball 2010*, which

raised nearly \$4 million, enabled the Foundation to fund eight new Medical Research Awards totaling \$1.8 million. An additional \$750,000 was earmarked for additional one-time grants of \$75,000 to select other junior investigators. The Foundation also supported its first-ever international project [See story on Page 6.] "This year we have funded some incredibly promising physician scientists, who are applying novel and state-of-the-art techniques to address fundamental problems in the genesis and treatment of blood related cancers," said Nimer, Vice Chairman of Faculty Development, Department of Medicine and the Alfred P. Sloan Chair at New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. "Now more than

ever, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation is making an impact on the careers of these very talented and dedicated individuals."

The eight investigators selected for three-year Medical Research Awards include: Jennifer Amengual, M.D., New York University School of Medicine Cancer Institute; Alan B. Cantor, M.D., Ph.D., Children's Hospital Boston / Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Young Jik Kwon, Ph.D., UC Irvine Cancer Center; H. Daniel Lacorazza, Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine; Steven D. Mittelman, M.D., Ph.D., Children's Hospital Los Angeles; Siddhartha Mukherjee, M.D., Ph.D. (D. Phil), Columbia University Medical Center; Vu Nguyen, M.D., University of Chicago; and Eddy Shih-Hsin Yang, M.D., Ph.D., University of Alabama-Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center. A full list of grantees appears on the Foundation website.

"We are incredibly proud to be funding the future leaders of cancer research," said President and Co-Founder Denise Rich. "Gabrielle truly believed in research. That's where the mystery is going to unravel. That's where the cures are going to be found."

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The Angel Ball



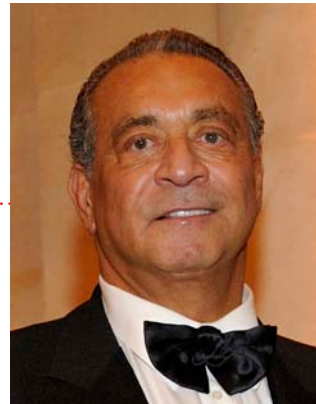
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OCTOBER DATE SET FOR ANGEL BALL 2011!

Save the Date for Monday, October 17th when Gabrielle's Angel Foundation will hold its signature gala, the Angel Ball. Cipriani Wall Street will once again serve as the backdrop for one of New York City's most anticipated fall galas. Details will be announced in the coming months – get the latest Angel Ball news at gabriellesangels.org! For ticket and table reservations, contact Inez Weinstein Special events at (212) 254-6677 or by email: tdoolin@inezevents.com

In Memoriam.....

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation mourns the recent passing of longtime friend, Angel Ball Sponsor, and Board Member Donald M. Toresco, who died February 20th at his home. The cause of death was brain cancer. A native of Plainfield, New Jersey, Mr. Toresco was for decades a leader in the automotive business. He built Autoland, the first auto mall on 26 acres on Route 22 East in Springfield, NJ and served as Chairman and CEO of Toresco Enterprises, Inc. until his death. His automobile dealerships received numerous honors over the years from manufacturers, vendors and the local community alike. Mr. Toresco himself was cited by Lee Iacocca for "Outstanding Performance," winning Chrysler's "Award of Excellence." A great philanthropist, Donald Toresco served as Chairman of the American Diabetes Association "Dealers for Diabetes" program, the Dodge Open Charity Classic Golf Tournament, Toys for Tots, and Deborah Hospital. In addition to his unwavering support of Gabrielle's Angel Foundation, he also had a long-standing commitment to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, The Epilepsy Foundation of America, and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. His generosity and passionate love of life will be dearly missed.



Foundation Awarded Second Charity Seal!

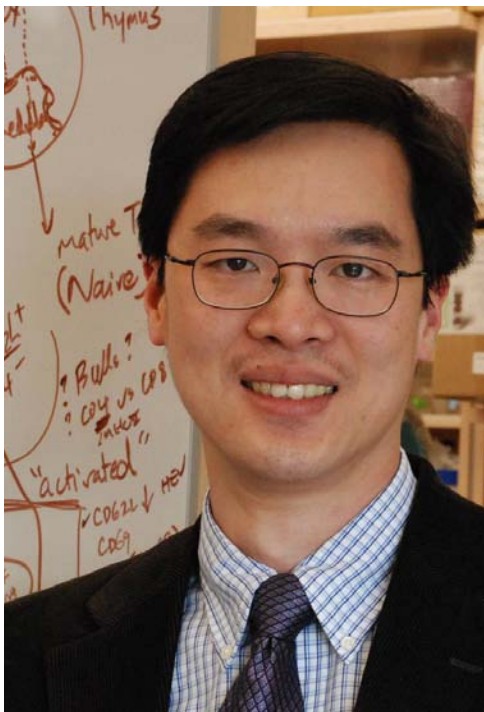
Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research was recognized by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) as an Accredited Charity. This participation in the Metro New York Charity Seal program signifies that the Foundation has met all 20 of the National Standards for Charity Accountability. The Better Business Bureau's Standards evaluate nonprofit organizations in the areas of financial accountability, governance and oversight, effectiveness measures, and fundraising and informational materials. The BBB's motto, "Start with Trust," reminds donors of Gabrielle's Angel Foundation's commitment to its cancer research initiatives with 82 cents of every dollar directly benefiting the nation's top scientific investigators. The Foundation has also been recognized by the Independent Charities of America as one of the "Best in America" for three years in a row.



“The Good Wife” Star Signs on as Angel Ambassador!

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation announces the addition of longtime supporter, stage and film star Alan Cumming, to our list of Angel Ambassadors! Best known for his work on Broadway (“Cabaret,” “Threepenny Opera”) and in Film (“X2,” “Spy Kids,”) Alan recently garnered an Emmy nomination for his role as “Eli Gold” on the CBS hit, “The Good Wife.” Known for his generous support of many philanthropic organizations, Alan appears in the Foundation's public service announcement campaign and recently took time from his busy shoot schedule to visit with patients participating in Gabrielle's Angels Music Therapy Program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. A WebMD Magazine article on his visit will be published this fall. According to the Scottish-born actor, his goal as Angel Ambassador is to “help engage and educate young people in the importance of cancer research, and to inspire [them], through Gabrielle's story, to donate and save a life.” Alan advocates for many charities including Planned Parenthood, Empire State Pride Agenda, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, amfAR, and GLAAD. Gabrielle's Angel Foundation is proud to have this gracious performer help further its quest to fund a cure!

Jordan Matter Photography



NCI Awards Ohio Grantee \$1.6M

Alex Y. Huang, M.D., Ph.D. of Case Western Reserve University is a perfect example of the brilliant young scientists being funded by Gabrielle's Angel Foundation. This 2009 grantee was recently awarded a \$1.6M grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to lead a five-year study on "immune tolerance." Dr. Huang

and his team will explore "how tumor cells avoid detection by the body's immune system, allowing cancer to develop and spread," according to the University press release. An assistant professor of pediatrics, pathology, and biomedical engineering at the School of Medicine, Dr. Huang serves as the director of the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, is an associate member of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center and a practicing pediatric hematologist/oncologist. Dr. Huang also finds time to give back to the very community he serves. Each year, he leads a team to raise money for St. Baldrick's Foundation's pediatric cancer research initiatives.

Dr. Huang maintains that he was only able to secure this R01 and hopefully several other pending governmental grants as a "direct result" of his early career funding from Gabrielle's Angel Foundation. "I want to thank you for this most critical support in such an impossible funding climate," said Dr. Huang. Of the 67% of Foundation grantees who go on to obtain federal funding, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation applauds Dr. Huang on this impressive achievement. To learn more about Dr. Huang's research, please visit: www.huanglab.com

Columbia Grantee Wins PULITZER

In April, new Foundation grantee Siddhartha Mukherjee, M.D., Ph.D., (D. Phil.) won the Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction for his debut book, "The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer." The Pulitzer committee cited Mukherjee's work as "an elegant inquiry, at once clinical and personal, into the long history of an insidious disease that, despite treatment breakthroughs, still bedevils medical science." A physician and researcher at Columbia University Medical Center, Mukherjee received \$10,000 for his "distinguished and appropriately documented book of nonfiction." His book appeared on numerous lists including the New York Times' Bestseller and Ten Best Books of 2010, O and Time Magazines' Ten Best lists, and was a National Book Critics Circle Finalist. The New Yorker Magazine hailed it as "....an extraordinary achievement." For more information, visit: www.sidmukherjee.com

EINSTEIN GRANTEE MAKES DISCOVERY

Foundation grantee Ulrich Steidl, M.D., Ph.D. of Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx has made an exciting discovery for those afflicted with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) and acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). The following announcement appeared in the Winter 2011/Issue 3 of the Einstein Cancer Center Newsletter, which featured on its cover another of our Foundation's past grantees, Amit Verma, M.B.B.S. It is reprinted here with their permission: *Patients with MDS and acute myeloid leukemia (AML) often develop thrombocytopenia, a deficiency of blood platelets. Platelets are necessary for the prevention of bleeding, and thrombocytopenia can be life-threatening in these patients. A new drug was recently approved for treating thrombocytopenia in people with hepatitis C. The drug works by stimulating the bone marrow to produce new blood cells. Researchers led by Ulrich Steidl, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor in the department of cell biology and the Diane and Arthur B. Belfer Faculty Scholar in Cancer Research, have now shown that the drug effectively and safely boosts platelets in patients with MDS and AML. The study was published in the October 2009 issue of Blood. A clinical trial with this drug will be initiated soon.*

Johns Hopkins Grantee Leads Clinical Trial

Patrick Brown, M.D. and his colleagues at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center are conducting a national trial to further explore his lab findings related to infant acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL). An expert in pediatric oncology, Dr. Brown believes that the human FLT3 gene is acting as a roadblock to the treatment of this often fatal disease. His lab will test a FLT3 inhibitor, a drug to target and turn off the gene, with the hope that infants suffering this disease might respond to chemotherapy.



“Matriarch of Modern Cancer Genetics,” Rowley Featured in Times

In February, the *New York Times* hailed Foundation Medical Advisory Board member, Janet Davison Rowley, 85, as the “matriarch of modern cancer genetics.” Claudia Dreifus conducted an interview with Dr. Rowley at her University of Chicago office and noted, “Without her 1970s finding that broken and translocated chromosomes were a factor in blood cancers,

we might not have the treatments for leukemia that are commonplace today.” A 2009 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Dr. Rowley’s discoveries are also featured in Foundation grantee, Siddhartha Mukherjee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book, “The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer.” Of her pioneering research, Dr. Rowley stated matter-of-factly, “People accuse me of being too humble. But looking down a microscope at banded chromosomes is not rocket science. If I hadn’t found it, somebody else would.” To read the complete interview, visit: www.nytimes.com

ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR TO LEAD MDS FOUNDATION

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center’s Stephen D. Nimer, M.D. is in demand! The Chairman of Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation’s Medical Advisory Board was elected Chairman of the Myelodysplastic Syndromes Foundation at the annual American Society of Hematology meeting last December. Formerly the Head of the Division of Hematologic Oncology, Dr. Nimer now serves as the Vice Chair for Faculty Development in the Department of Medicine and is the Alfred P. Sloan Chair in Cancer Research. His guidance of Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation continues to humble and amaze us. Congratulations, Dr. Nimer, on a well-deserved appointment.



GRANTEES TAKE WASHINGTON

Current and former grantees Drs. Ari Melnick, Ross Levine and Martin Carroll presented their ideas to the National Cancer Institute to develop a new comprehensive leukemia research program. Seen here en route via Amtrak, this group of experts made the trip to Washington, D. C. to “pitch some very interesting grant ideas,” according to Medical Advisory Board Chairman, Stephen D. Nimer, M.D.



L to R: Christa presents Dr. Petit with his grant; Cristina & Eurydice Photos courtesy of Mark Linn-Baker.

Paris Doctor Awarded First International Grant

Dr. Arnaud Petit, a pediatric hematologist/oncologist at the Armand Trousseau Children's Hospital in Paris, received Gabrielle's Angel Foundation's first-ever international grant. This one-time \$25,000 award supported his research project on chronic myelogenous leukemia. Board Member, Erin Zammatt Ruddy introduced the Foundation to New York Times bestselling author, Cristina Nehring whose daughter, Eurydice, was treated by Dr. Petit. Foundation staffer, Christa Justus, was already planning her spring vacation to the City of Lights and suggested she bestow the check in person. Here, Christa details her Parisian encounter with three very special people:

I was so thrilled when it was agreed that I would meet with Dr. Petit, Cristina and Eurydice! My friend, Mark and I arrived to the Armand Trousseau Children's Hospital on the outskirts of Paris just after 6PM. Dr. Petit was warm and welcoming and immediately took us on a tour of the pediatric hematology/oncology facility. As we entered the ward, one of his patients, a frail girl with an IV pole greeted him, "Bonjour, Dr. Petit!" He chatted with her for a moment then continued with visits to each floor, including the ICU for infants, patient play rooms, a school room for teenagers and even a parents' room (donated by a local corporation) complete with a washer, dryer and kitchenette. The small, state-run pediatric hospital employs a staff of 9 doctors to serve its 25 patients, with

one whole floor left unused due to a shortage of nursing staff. We met his colleagues, Judith Landman-Parker and Anne Auvrignon, who expressed great interest in the work of Gabrielle's Angel Foundation. From there, Mark, Dr. Petit and I hopped in a cab to a lovely little bistro on the Right Bank, Comptoir de la Gastronomie, where we were joined by Cristina and 3-year-old Eurydice ("E"), an amazing little survivor of acute myelogenous leukemia, the same cancer that took the life of Gabrielle Rich. The five of us enjoyed getting to know one another and chatted about where to buy the best macarons in Paris (Pierre Hermé!) and how extraordinary it was that our paths had crossed. We talked about Cristina's recent Kindle single, "Journey to the Edge of the Light: A Story of Love, Leukemia and Transformation," her beautifully moving account of E's diagnosis and treatment, and of Dr. Petit's work in the lab. As the evening wound down, Eurydice was just getting started, and Mark had to chase after her when she visited the kitchen! We said our goodbyes and, buoyed by our meeting, Mark and I agreed it was a highlight of our trip. In an email exchange after our visit, Cristina commented "...how moving and purposeful [it is] that [Gabrielle] inspired her mother to make such a meaningful difference in cancer research." Dr. Petit wrote, "This project is a big challenge and a responsibility. I will do my best to honor your gift." What a pleasure to meet such wonderful souls. The whole visit was pure joy!



Pop Star Shakira Wears the Shane in Torn

SHOP GENETIC, SUPPORT GENETICS!

While Foundation grantees focus their research on cancer genetics, the rest of us understand a different kind of "jean" therapy. Thanks to our good friends at Genetic Denim, fans of Gabrielle's Angel Foundation can shop online to support cancer research! From now through the end of the 2011, shop geneticdenim.com using the special code Angel11 to receive 10% off and Genetic Denim will donate 50% from your purchase for our cause! They will also run an exclusive October-only special to celebrate the Angel Ball when 25% of sales on the Genetic Denim site will directly benefit the next wave of junior investigators. With "each design intended to be a denim aficionado's collectible," this socially conscious company makes giving back a breeze! Shop today at www.geneticdenim.com – Promo Code Angel11

"To make progress in the struggle to cure cancer requires vision. It requires dedication. And it requires courage. The life of a scientist is filled with many frustrations & frequent rejections but hopefully some real glory, the glory of discovery."

Stephen D. Nimer, M.D.
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR



1 promise from a mother to her daughter, 15 years, 80 researchers and \$16M later...Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research continues its quest to fund research until a cure is found.

Amsterdam Conference Focuses on Integrative Oncology

This March, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation was one of the lead sponsors for "Care for the Future," the first International Conference on Integrative Oncology. The two-day event was held in Amsterdam and welcomed over 400 oncologists and other experts from North and South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Medical Advisory Board member Barrie R. Cassileth, M.S., Ph.D. served as Conference Chair. Speakers from Buenos Aires to Hong Kong stressed the need for better communication between physicians in both mainstream and integrative medicines, and also between doctors and their patients about available treatments. Session talks focused on the importance of both evidence-based and experience-based interventions. In an interview with the ASCO Post, Cassileth stated, "One major reason we

[had] this conference is that increasing evidence supports integrative oncology's important role in cancer patients' lives from diagnosis through survivorship to end-of-life care." As Chief of the Integrative Medicine Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Cassileth stressed the need to dispel misunderstandings about integrative oncology, and underscored the difference between evidence-based complementary therapies and bogus 'alternative' treatments, citing quackery as big business worldwide. "The role of evidence-based, adjunctive integrative medicine is an essential component of today's cancer care," the Founding President of the Society for Integrative Oncology continued. "We must attend to enduring physical and emotional symptoms caused by successful cancer treatments. That is what integrative medicine is about."



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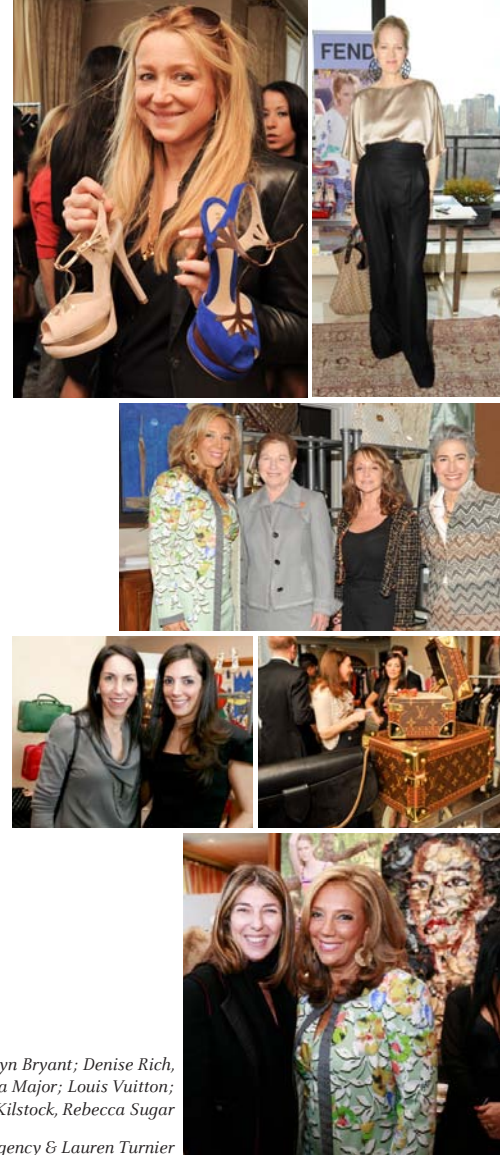
Renowned pop artist, Romero Britto, created two extraordinary designs to help celebrate the work of Gabrielle's Angel Foundation. His inspiration for the two designs, "Flying Heart" and "For You," came from the "gift of life, the act of giving, and helping," according to the Miami-based artist. Both statues are available for sale through the Foundation office. To invest in your very own Britto sculpture, please contact us at (646) 861-2033. 100% of the proceeds benefit our grantees!

We are the CHAMPIONS!

Our friends at Long Island's premiere luxury shopping destination, Americana Manhasset, hosted their annual CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY® benefit the first weekend of December, 2010 and raised over \$21,000 for Gabrielle's Angel Foundation! Celebrating their 15th year, this incredibly popular holiday event has provided their loyal clientele a creative way to give back at 25% per purchase! With over 70 participating non-profits and 70 Americana Manhasset stores, registering for a Champion Card is as easy as going to their site and choosing Gabrielle's Angel Foundation as your charity!

Then in March, Americana's unstoppable Director of Personal Shopping, the one and only Danielle Merollo, took her crew and set up shop in Co-Founder Denise Rich's Manhattan residence to give donors the opportunity to buy the latest in haute couture while supporting cancer research! Billed as "A Day of Peace,

Love, & Fashion," Danielle enlisted Ms. Rich's staff led by Personal Assistant Lisette Archondo, and transformed the apartment into a shopper's paradise. From Gucci to Prada, Louis Vuitton to Jimmy Choo, Americana donated an incredible 25% of the proceeds from this second annual event back to the Foundation's research initiatives. Thanks to our group of avid shoppers, and our incredibly generous friends at Americana Manhasset, an amazing \$80,000 was raised! The Foundation is deeply grateful to our friends from Long Island who made it all happen: Rita & Frank Castagna, Deirdre Costa Major, Rebecca Hollander, and of course, Danielle Merollo! To sign up for CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY®, visit: www.championsforcharity.org and for additional information, visit: www.americanamanhasset.com



Clockwise from top L: Caroline Berthet; Carolyn Bryant; Denise Rich, Rita Castagna, Fran Gutleber, Deirdre Costa Major; Louis Vuitton; Nina Garcia, Denise Rich; Daniella Rich Kilstock, Rebecca Sugar

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For our fifteenth anniversary, we revamped our website! For the latest on the Angel Ball, our grantees, our new PSA and more, visit us on the web (and on Facebook & Twitter!) Special thanks to Ignacio Rodriguez and Angela Valle at Rodriguez Valle Creative, LLC for their beautiful design and generous donation of our PSA print ads! Visit www.gabriellesangels.org and help us continue Gabrielle's quest for a cancer-free world.

