

THE G&P FOUNDATION'S ANGEL BALL RAISES ALMOST \$ 4 MILLION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

New York, NY, December 1, 2000 – The G & P Foundation for Cancer Research raised almost \$4 million at this year's *ANGEL BALL* on November 30, 2000 at the New York Marriott Marquis. President William Jefferson Clinton was the Honorary Chairman and Larry King was the Master of Ceremonies for *THE ANGEL BALL*.

Michael Jackson was a surprise honoree, accepting *The Angel of Hope Award* from Lance Bass and JC Chasez of *NSYNC. Dr. Daniel Vasella, Chairman & CEO for Novartis, the world's fourth largest pharmaceutical company, was honored with The G & P Foundation for Cancer Research's *Distinguished Industry Leadership Award* presented by Jane Seymour. Gabriel Byrne presented *The Angel of Light Award* to her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan and Mikhail Gorbachev was honored with *The Angel of Peace Award*.

"*THE ANGEL BALL* is the perfect way to celebrate Gabrielle's passion for life and fulfill her dream of raising cancer awareness," said Denise Rich, co-founder of The G & P Foundation. "Gabrielle would have been so proud that *THE ANGEL BALL* raised almost \$4 million, bringing us closer to finding a cure for cancer."

This musical extravaganza featured performances by Marc Anthony, Natalie Cole, Patti LaBelle, Lillias White, and SheDaisy. Other notable guests were First Lady Hillary Clinton, Cindy Crawford, Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell, Robert DeNiro, Kim Cattrall, and Christie Brinkley.

Special guests Joan Collins and Montel Williams assisted in auctioning eight fabulous prizes for cancer research. The prizes included a walk-on part in "Ally McBeal," a trip to the Chopard factory in Switzerland, an Apache Warrior Motorcycle, a cruise for ten people to attend the Cannes Film Festival for 4 nights, 5 days, and most importantly, the funding of a bone marrow transplant for a child.

Denise Rich and Michele Laurent Rella served together as Gala Chairs for this year's *ANGEL BALL*, which was co-produced and directed for the second time by Scott Mauro of Vision Merchant Productions, Inc. and Peter Herman of Event Partners Inc. Scott Mauro is one of the leading producers of live special events and television specials including the Emmy-Award winning "The Grand Opening of the Disney/MGM Studios", "An All Star Tribute to Muhammad Ali" for the Parkinson's Foundation, The New Dramatists Broadway Tribute to Angela Lansbury and The Palm Springs Film Festival Awards. Peter Herman, a distinguished producer, and his "Event Partners" have been involved in producing shows for the first NYC Revlon Run-Walk for Women, The Tibetan Freedom Festival, Cher, Placido Domingo, Bono and the first G & P Foundation Gala in 1998.

ESCADA was the exclusive fashion sponsor for *THE ANGEL BALL* and has been an "Arch Angel" supporter of the G & P Foundation since its inception. Chopard was the exclusive jewelry sponsor of *THE ANGEL BALL*.

The G & P Foundation was established in 1996 by songwriter Denise Rich and her son-in-law Philip Aouad, in memory of Denise's daughter Gabrielle Rich Aouad, who died at age 27 from AML Leukemia. The G & P Foundation's primary goal is to save lives by funding basic and clinical medical research in both conventional and integrative disciplines, which focus on prevention, treatments and quality of life issues of leukemia, lymphoma and related cancers.