

LIZA MINNELLI HELPS RAISE OVER SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE G&P FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

September 1, 2002 - Liza Minnelli gave a stunning performance to a glittering crowd at Denise Rich's Southampton home, raising more than six hundred thousand dollars for The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research, which Rich founded in memory of her daughter Gabrielle.

Liza belted out her standards, "Cabaret", "Maybe This Time", her "Cry Medley" and of course "New York, New York"; but her duet "When You Wore A Tulip" with Broadway "super-kid" Nicholas King brought the house down. Miss Minnelli was rewarded with four standing ovations from the celebrity studded crowd including, MC Star Jones, Natalie Cole, Lorraine Bracco, Cindy Adams, Marty Richards, Cathy Moriarty, Christie Brinkley, Ben Chaplin, Nacho Figuro, Sale Johnson and Marisa Berenson. Liza ended her show with a romantic serenade to her husband, David Gest, with "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" and was showered with Kisses backstage by Gest.

The young country superstar, Billy Gilman also earned accolades for his hit single "One Voice" and brought tears to many of the guests with his rendition of "My Love Keeps You Alive" which was written by Denise Rich for her daughter Gabrielle, who passed away from cancer in 1996.

But the real show stopper of the evening was Erin Zammett, a 24 year-old leukemia patient who is being treated with the wonder-drug Gleevec, developed by Novartis. Erin brought the entire audience to a standstill with a story of personal struggle with leukemia and how she is currently in remission after having only being on treatment for 7 months.

The auction which included prizes like a 2.5ct pink Aaron Basha ring, a tennis match with Serena Williams and a surprise auction lot given by Liza and David personally, ten tickets to her next concert and backstage passes, raised an astonishing \$110,000. The evening's sponsors Torecso Enterprises, Novartis Oncology, and Aaron Basha helped to underwrite the evening's festivities.

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 complementary disciplines, which focus on prevention, treatments and quality of life issues of people with leukemia, lymphoma and related cancers.