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**THE G&P FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH AWARDS \$1.6 MILLION  
TO AMERICA'S LEADING INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCHERS**

(New York, NY)- **March 23, 2006**—The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research announced today that it will grant Medical Research Awards totaling \$1,575,000 to the country's leading junior investigators for their outstanding research in the fight against leukemia, lymphoma and related cancers. The recipients will be awarded \$75,000 a year for three years, for a grand total of \$225,000. The candidates, whose proposed research reflects the mission of The G&P Foundation, hail from some of the country's leading institutions.

The astounding success of *Angel Ball 2005* which raised over \$3.3 million for cancer research enabled The G&P Foundation to fund the seven Medical Research Awards. Held on November 14, 2005, the star-studded charity gala recognized **Patti LaBelle, Russell Simmons, Kimora Lee Simmons** and **Cindi Leive** for their outstanding contributions as humanitarians and philanthropic leaders and featured performances by LaBelle, **Stevie Wonder** and **Natalie Cole**, among others. To date, The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research has funded twenty-nine researchers, disbursing almost \$6 million since 1998.

Recipients of the grants include **Iannis Aifantis, Ph.D.** (University of Chicago) with a project entitled Modeling T-Cell A.L.L.; **Ingrid Karen Ruf, Ph.D.** (University of California, Irvine) with a project titled Role of Epstein-Barr virus RNAs in the Pathogenesis of Virus-associated Lymphoid Tumors; **Sandra S. Zinkel, M.D., Ph.D.** (Vanderbilt University School of Medicine) investigates The Role of Pro-apoptotic BCL-2 Family Bid in the DNA Damage Response; **Xianzheng Zhou, M.D., Ph.D.** (University of Minnesota Cancer Center) looks at T-Cell Gene Transfer and Therapy by the Sleeping Beauty Transposon System; **Juliet N. Barker, MBBS (Hons), FRACP** (Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center) examines Transplantation of

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Unrelated Donor Umbilical Cord Blood Utilizing Double Unit Grafts for the Treatment of High Risk Hematologic Malignancies; **David W. Sternberg, M.D., Ph.D.** (Mount Sinai School of Medicine) has a project titled Translational Regulation of Gene Expression in Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML); and **Kala Visvanathan, MB, BS, FRACP, MHS** (Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health) examines Modulation of Estrogen Metabolites by Broccoli Sprouts: Novel Intermediate Markers for Chemoprevention.

**The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research** was established in 1996 by Denise Rich and her son-in-law Philip Aouad in memory of Denise's daughter Gabrielle Rich Aouad, who died at age 27 from Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML). The 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, treatment and quality of life issues of leukemia, lymphoma and related cancers. Since 1998, with the help of its Medical Advisory Board, chaired by Dr. Stephen D. Nimer of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, The G&P Foundation has funded twenty-nine researchers, totaling almost \$6 million in Medical Research Awards and is one of the largest non-governmental sources of grant support to blood cancer researchers at the nation's leading institutions.

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