



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contacts: Shawn Purdy/Christina Stejskal – PMK/HBH
(212) 582-1111
Shawn.Purdy@pmkhhb.com / Christina.Stejskal@pmkhhb.com

**GABRIELLE’S ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH ANNOUNCES
NEW GRANTS TOTALING \$2.7 MILLION**

New York, NY (December 11, 2009) – Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research is proud to announce twelve new Medical Research Awards in the amount of \$2.7 million. These grants represent a three-year commitment of \$75,000 per year for three years totaling \$225,000.00 to each grantee. The invitation-only applications undergo rigorous peer review by the Foundation’s Medical Advisory Board, chaired by Stephen D. Nimer, Chief of Hematology Service and the Vice Chairman for Faculty Development at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. On October 20, 2009, Foundation President and Co-Founder, Denise Rich hosted the signature gala of Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation, *The Angel Ball 2009* at Cipriani Wall Street in New York City. Proceeds from the silent and online auction at the 2009 Angel Ball will benefit the cancer research initiatives for which **Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research** is known. The evening raised \$3.8 million for cancer research.

The 2009 Medical Research Award recipients include:

Investigator: Patrick Brown, M.D.
Institution: Johns Hopkins
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center
Title of Research: Investigating promoter hypermethylation in the biology of MLL-rearranged leukemia,
and as a novel target for therapy
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Richard T. Williams, M.D., Ph.D.
Institution: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
Title of Research: Systematic, High-Throughput Developmental Therapeutics in High-Risk ALL
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Jeffrey C. Rathmell, Ph.D.
Institution: Duke University Medical Center
Title of Research: Bcl-2 Family Proteins as Metabolic Targets in Leukemia
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Jianjun Chen, Ph.D.
Institution: The University of Chicago
Title of Research: The role and targets of APL-specific miRNAs in leukemogenesis
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Kirsten Ness, P.T., Ph.D.
Institution: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Title of Research: Vibration Intervention for Bone Enhancement in Childhood Cancer Survivors
Area: Integrative

Investigator: Patricia Ernst, Ph.D.
Institution: Dartmouth Medical School
Title of Research: Targeting MLL-Cofactor Interaction to Selectively Block Mixed Lineage Leukemia
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Paul J. Galardy, M.D.
Institution: Mayo Clinic Rochester
Title of Research: Exploring the role of UCHL1 in leukemia and lymphoma
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Jennifer Rhodes, Ph.D.
Institution: Fox Chase Cancer Center
Title of Research: In Vivo Regulation of Myeloid Cell Development and Leukemia
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Peiying Yang, Ph.D.
Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center
Title of Research: Fish oil (n-3 fatty acids) and non-Hodgkin lymphoma
Area: Integrative

Investigator: Chengcheng (Alec) Zhang, Ph.D.
Institution: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Title of Research: *Ex Vivo* expansion of hematopoietic stem cells for cord blood and allogeneic transplantations
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Ross L. Levine, M.D.
Institution: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Title of Research: Genomic characterizations of myeloproliferative neoplasms
Area: Conventional

Investigator: Ulrich Steidl, M.D., Ph.D.
Institution: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Title of Research: Identification of Functionally Critical Transcriptional Target Genes in Stem Cells in AML & MDS
Area: Conventional

For more information on these and other grants funded by Gabrielle's Angel Foundation, please visit www.gabriellesangels.org.

About Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research was created in 1996 by Denise Rich and her daughters and son in-law, Daniella Rich Kilstock, Ilona Rich Schachter and Philip Aouad in memory of Rich's daughter, Gabrielle Rich Aouad. Gabrielle lost her long and valiant struggle with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML) at the young age of 27. It was Gabrielle's wish that a foundation be created to help spare others the suffering she endured. Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research funds 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. To date, the Foundation has awarded \$13.7 million in Medical Research Awards making Gabrielle's Angel Foundation one of the largest non-governmental sources of grant support to blood cancer researchers at the nation's leading institutions.