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## **GABRIELLE’S ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH NAMES 18 NEW MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### ***Foundation Issues Grants Totaling \$2.5 Million***

**New York, NY** (March 10, 2011) – Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research announced 17 new Medical Research Awards totaling \$2.5 million. Selected from nearly forty applicants, these top candidates were chosen after rigorous peer review by the Foundation’s ten-member Medical Advisory Board. The great success of the 2010 *Angel Ball*, 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.

The crème de la crème of the nation’s junior 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.

Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation’s Medical Advisory Board is comprised of the country’s leading experts in the field of hematology and oncology. Led by Stephen D. Nimer, M.D., the grants are solicited by invitation-only with only the best science selected for funding. “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 Dr. 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.”

Additional 2010 awardees include: Omar Abdel-Wahab, M.D., John F. Gerecitano, M.D., Ph.D., and Jonathan H. Schatz, M.D. all of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Gregory L. Beatty, M.D., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Xiaochun Chen, Ph.D., University of Maryland School of Medicine, Shari Goldfarb, M.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. Hao Huang, University of Chicago, Amanda Gedman Larson, Ph.D., St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Anil Prasad, Ph.D., Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard University, Andrew Rezvani, M.D., Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and Eric C. Carnes, Ph.D., University of New Mexico Cancer Center. The first-ever international grant was awarded to Dr. Arnaud Petit of the Armand Trousseau Children’s Hospital in Paris.

“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.”

For more information on the Foundation’s grantees and their research, please visit [www.gabriellesangels.org](http://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 family in memory of her daughter Gabrielle Rich Aouad who passed away at the age of 27 after a long and valiant struggle with acute myelogenous leukemia. It was Gabrielle’s wish that a foundation be created to help spare others the suffering that she endured. The mission of Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation is to fund 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. 82 cents of every dollar raised directly funds the country’s best and brightest young scientists working in cancer research today. To date, the Foundation has awarded over \$16 million in Medical Research Awards making Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation one of the largest non-governmental sources of grant support to blood cancer researchers in the nation.