

**G&P Charitable Foundation For Cancer Research Announces \$1.4 Million In Grants
And A Newly Expanded Medical Advisory Board
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February 7, 2000, New York NY – The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research has given \$1.4 million in G&P "Medical Research Awards" to eight promising young investigators involved in both conventional and integrative medical research into the prevention and treatment of cancers of the blood, including leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

Among the recipients is **Stephen Skapek from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN**, who is being funded for his work aimed at developing new strategies to stimulate the immune system to recognize and eliminate T cell lymphomas and leukemias.

At a recent G&P luncheon, doctors **Stephen D. Nimer**, Chair of the G&P Foundation's Medical Advisory Board and Head of the Division of Hematologic Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; and **Sidney J. Winawer, M.D.**, a tenured physician and member of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and a member of the G&P Foundation's Medical Advisory Board, congratulated the eight grant recipients and celebrated the newly expanded Medical Advisory Board.

The Medical Advisory Board members include: Dr. Curt I. Civin, John Hopkins University; Dr. Jerome Groopman, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center / Harvard Institute of Medicine; Dr. Ronald Levy, Stanford University School of Medicine; Dr. Janet D. Rowley,

The University of Chicago; Dr. Rainer F. Storb, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; and Dr. Cheryl L. Willman, University of New Mexico Cancer Research Facility.

The "Medical Research Award" recipients are affiliated with medical facilities and universities including: University of Arizona, Foundation for Integrative Medicine; University of Rochester Medical Center; University of Pennsylvania Medical Center; Stanford University; University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; University of Michigan; Harvard University Children's Hospital; and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Jane Seymour spoke at the luncheon on behalf of the G&P Foundation and the fight to stop cancer. Also on hand were G&P co-Founders Denise Rich and Philip Aouad, and the Foundation's Executive Vice President Kay Wight.

The G&P Foundation initiated its first major fund-raising event in October 1998, with a star-studded gala benefit that raised nearly \$3 million and featured President Clinton as Honorary Chairman. Co-Chairs included David Geffen, Cindy Crawford, Carly Simon, Marty Richards, and Harvey Weinstein. The event included from a wide range of celebrities, including Bill Cosby, The Duchess of York, Natalie Cole, Stevie Wonder and Placido Domingo. Honorees included Les Moonves, President and CEO of CBS Television and Milton Berle, who was honored for his 90th birthday.

The G&P Foundation was established in 1996 by songwriter Denise Rich and her son-in-law Phillip Aouad, in memory of Denise's daughter Gabrielle Rich Aouad, who died in 1996 at age 27 from AML Leukemia. The G&P supports both conventional and complimentary medical research into the prevention and treatment of cancers of the blood, which affect an estimated 100,000 Americans each year.

The Foundation is primarily focused on: expediting the development and testing of promising cancer treatments; slowing or stopping the formation of malignant cell transformations and genetic abnormalities; and researching efforts to reduce and eliminate the toxic side effects and damage caused by chemotherapy and radiation. Moreover, The G&P Foundation encourages collaboration between leaders in different areas of bio and integrative medical research which will lead to unique and effective solutions for both prevention and treatment.