

## **The G & P Foundation To Honor Her Majesty Queen Noor Of Jordan With The Angel Of Light Award**

**NEW YORK, NY** – The G & P Foundation for Cancer Research will present Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan with *The Angel of Light Award* on November 30, 2000 during *THE ANGEL BALL* in New York City. At this year's *ANGEL BALL* the G & P Foundation is honoring leaders who have lost a spouse to cancer and continue to raise awareness for the disease. The Queen's late husband, King Hussein of Jordan, passed away last year after a long battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"Her Majesty's courage is something to be admired as she publicly suffered the untimely loss of her beloved husband, with great dignity," said Denise Rich, co-founder of the G & P Foundation. "Tonight we will honor her continued commitment to those who suffer from cancer."

King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor worked together, until his death, to raise awareness of cancer. They worked to find preventative means for cancer and encouraged people to try and identify cancer at an early stage. King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor visited children, cancer patients, and cancer survivors in Washington D.C. during the Cancer March to speak about their experiences. By making this pilgrimage they brought enormous international attention to this illness.

Her Majesty currently heads *The Noor Al Hussein Foundation*, which was established in 1985. The *Noor Al Hussein Foundation* initiates and supports regional, national, and international projects in the fields of integrated community development, education, culture, children's welfare, family health, women and gender equality, and enterprise development. The *NHF Foundation* seeks to identify and respond to different needs throughout Jordan and the Middle East.

Her Majesty Queen Noor also assumed Princess Diana's role as patron of the Landmine Survivors Network, a Washington-based group dedicated to the elimination of landmines and to the aid of their many victims around the world. Although some foreigners thought that Her Majesty would distance herself from public life, she said that she has no plan to cut back on her commitment to public service.

In addition to Her Majesty Queen Noor, The G & P Foundation will also honor Mikhail Gorbachev and Sir Paul McCartney at *THE ANGEL BALL*. President William Jefferson Clinton will once again be the Honorary Chairman and Larry King will serve as Master of Ceremonies. *THE ANGEL BALL* promises to be a musical extravaganza with performances by \*NSYNC, Marc Anthony, Patti LaBelle, Natalie Cole, She-Daisy and Lillias White.

Denise Rich and Michele Laurent Rella will serve together as Gala Chairs and this year's *ANGEL BALL* which will be co-produced and directed for the second year by Scott Mauro of Vision Merchant Productions, Inc. and Peter Herman of Event Partners Incorporated. For information on how to purchase tickets to *THE ANGEL BALL*, please contact Inez Weinstein Special Events at (212) 614-0400.

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**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 integrative disciplines which focus on prevention, treatments and quality of life issues of leukemia, lymphoma and related cancers.