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**HOUSTON WELCOMES DENISE RICH AND THE G&P FOUNDATION
TO KICK OFF 2007 FUNDRAISER, THE ANGEL BALL**

**Laura & Gregory Casey and Melissa & Michael Mithoff Host Cocktail Reception for
Denise Rich and The G&P Foundation**

(Houston, TX – April 20, 2007) – **Laura and Gregory Casey** along with **Melissa and Michael Mithoff** welcomed Grammy-nominated songwriter **Denise Rich** and **The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research** with a cocktail reception at the Casey's Houston home last night. Attendees included **John Evatz, Lindsey Love, Javier and Lucinda Loya, Christopher Mendel, Gary and Elizabeth Petersen, Christopher Phillips, Jennifer Roosth, and Marcy Taub Wessel.**

Guests were entertained by a classical guitarist from Moodafaruka while they dined on beef carpaccio, duck quesadillas, tuna tartar and tempura asparagus. Bergner Johnson decorated the Casey home with orchids, anemones and dogwood. But the most memorable moment of the evening was when Denise spoke about the inception of The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research, in honor of her daughter, Gabrielle Rich Aouad, who died at the age of 27 from acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

The mission of The G&P 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. Since 1998, The G&P Foundation has awarded over \$6.4 million to thirty-one junior investigators making G&P one of the largest non- governmental sources of grant support to blood cancer researchers at the nation's leading institutions.

The Angel Ball, the Foundation's signature fundraiser, will take place at the at The New York Marriott Marquis on October 29th and will feature a cocktail reception, dinner with special menu designed by **Sirio Maccioni** of Le Cirque, live auction by **Simon de Pury**, Chairman of Phillips de Pury & Company, as well as a star-studded lineup of performances including **John Legend** and other surprise guests. This year's honorees are *Editor-In-Chief of Harper's BAZAAR* **Glenda Bailey**, *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BET Networks* **Debra L. Lee**, *Chief Hematologic Oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center* **Dr. Stephen D. Nimer**, and the *late President of the U.A.E.*, **H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan**. **Petra Nemcova** and **Liz Smith** have also signed on as Segment Hosts for the evening.

For ticket information, please contact Inez Weinstein Special Events at (212) 254-6677. For more information about *The Angel Ball* and the work of The G&P Foundation for Cancer Research please visit www.gandp.org.