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**GABRIELLE’S ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH HOSTED
THE 2009 ANGEL BALL HONORING
H.H. SHEIKHA SALAMA BINT HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED AL NAHYAN &
TRICIA QUICK & THOMAS C. QUICK**

**THE EVENING FEATURED SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY
ACADEMY AWARD AND GRAMMY WINNER JENNIFER HUDSON,
ROBIN THICKE, ESTELLE & BLAKE**

New York, NY (October 21, 2009) – At *The 2009 Angel Ball*, Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research honored three outstanding individuals for their commitment and dedication to the fight against cancer, **Her Highness Sheikha Salama bint Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Nahyan**, retired Vice Chairman of Quick & Reilly/Fleet Securities, one of the world’s largest brokerage firms, **Thomas C. Quick** and his sister and fellow philanthropist, **Tricia Quick**. Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation also announced the **Shulamit Benjamini Sandberg Medical Research Grant** in memory of jewelry designer and long-time supporter and friend of the Foundation, **Lorraine Schwartz’s** mother.

The black-tie benefit, hosted by Grammy-nominated song writer **Denise Rich** and her daughters **Daniella Rich Kilstock** and **Iiona Rich Schachter** took place at Cipriani Wall Street on October 20. The evening featured a cocktail reception, dinner, show and a live auction hosted by **Brook Hazelton**. Featuring music by **DJ Cassidy**, the gala’s star-studded lineup of performances include Academy Award and Grammy winner **Jennifer Hudson**, **Robin Thicke**, **Estelle**, British imports **Blake**, and other surprise guests. Presenters, segment hosts and celebrity attendees included **Blake Lively**, **Penn Badgley**, **Beth Ostrosky Stern & Howard Stern**, **Kathie Lee Gifford**, **Hoda Kotb**, **Natalie Cole** and **Sherri Shepherd**, **Bar Refaeli**, **Alan Cumming**, **Alina Puscau**, **Ashley & Jessica Hart**, **Benny Medina**, **Buzz & Lois Aldrin**, **Clive Davis**, **Crystal Hunt**, **Deborah Norville**, **Debra Lee**, **Diane Passage**, **Dori Cooperman**, **Dr. Stephen Nimer**, **Erica Reid**, **Ivana Trump**, **Julie Henderson**, **Russell Simmons**, **Karl Wellner**, **Lorraine Swartz**, **Marty Richards**, **Michelle Herbert**, **Natalie Cole**, **Ofira Sandberg**, **Patricia Field**, **Paula Patton**, **Paula Zahn**, **Sheikh Hamdan**, **Star Jones** and **Swizz Beatz**.

For the third year in a row, New York’s iconic landmark, **The Empire State Building**, glowed red and purple in honor of Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation as the official *Angel Ball* Lighting Partner.

Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research partnered with www.charitybuzz.com for this year’s silent and online auction. Bidding takes place from October 7 through October 29 at www.charitybuzz.com/angelball09. Silent Auction lots features luxury items from Missoni, Jimmy Choo, Adria de Haume and Charriol, an internship at Harper’s *BAZAAR*, a Palm Beach, FL getaway to the

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exclusive Breakers Resort and tickets to the ABC hit “Dancing with the Stars.” The Live Auction included an Hermès Orange Croc Birkin bag, an exclusive white truffle dinner from Italian Wine Merchants and other exciting luxury lots. All proceeds from the silent and online auction benefit the cancer research initiatives for which **Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research** is known. This incredible evening raised \$3.8 million for cancer research.

Lorraine Schwartz Inc. and **AUDI of America** served as the evening’s sponsors. **Continental Airlines** is the official airline of *The Angel Ball*.

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 nearly \$11 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.

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About Lorraine Schwartz

Lorraine Schwartz is a third generation diamond dealer. When she started designing for herself the world took notice. Before she knew it people like Barbara Streisand, Beyoncé Knowles, Elizabeth Taylor, and Jennifer Lopez were buying her collections and commissioning her to make one of kind pieces. Her jewelry is known for its individuality and workmanship and is adorned by celebrities and royal families worldwide. Lorraine Schwartz designs are sold exclusively at Bergdorf Goodman or by appointment only at her Fifth Avenue showroom in New York City.