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**Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer  
Raises More Than \$335,000 for Stomach Cancer Research**

*DDF celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Helping Patients and Funding Gastric Cancer Research*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla.** – (May 23, 2017) – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dream Makers Gala on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at The Diplomat Beach Resort & Spa in Hollywood, Florida. With 572 registrants, over \$335,000 was raised to fund research and benefit stomach cancer patients around the world. Guests enjoyed a cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, dinner, awards, dancing, and a photo booth. Master of Ceremonies Lisa Petrillo, Entertainment and Lifestyle Reporter for WFOR, CBS4 Miami, led guests through an incredible evening of entertainment and fun.

David Kubiliun, Esq. of Greenspoon Marder and Stephen Greenberger of Broward County Sheriff's Office co-chaired the event. "I am always so inspired by all of the incredible people I meet who are involved with DDF, so it was my pleasure to co-chair this event for the fifth year," said David Kubiliun, DDF Board Member. "I'm proud to be a part of Debbie's Dream Foundation. It's such an honor to co-chair this event and I'm really looking forward to next year," said Greenberger, also a DDF Board Member. Event sponsors included Title Sponsor Lilly Oncology; Diamond Sponsors Boston Biomedical and Sheridan Healthcare, an Envision Company; Emerald Sponsors Greenspoon Marder, Merck & Co., Inc., Ross and Liz Tannenbaum, and Debbie Zelman and Andrew Guttman; and Ruby Sponsors Memorial Hospital West Medical Staff and Laura and Judd Zebersky. This year's award recipients were Greenspoon Marder; Willard Shepard of NBC 6; Susie Bond of Brick America; Donald Zelman, MD; David Ison, MD, Ph.D. of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; and Brittany Gendler of Western High School.

"I am so excited to have celebrated the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Debbie's Dream which also coincides with my 9<sup>th</sup> cancer anniversary with so many loyal supporters," said Debbie Zelman, President and Founder of DDF. "The money we raise at our signature Dream Makers Gala directly impacts stomach cancer patients by raising awareness and funds for research, support, education, and advocacy. For a disease that receives the least amount of federal funding per cancer death, the funds raised will make a tremendous impact, and we appreciate all of the support we have gotten from the community."

**About Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer**

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for

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research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. Debbie's Dream Foundation seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable stomach cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. DDF now has a Medical Advisory Board of world renowned doctors and has chapters throughout the United States and also in Canada and Germany. Considered a "Super Survivor," Debbie is still receiving chemotherapy 9 years later and is thrilled to be able to watch her three children grow up. To learn more about DDF, please visit us at [www.DebbiesDream.org](http://www.DebbiesDream.org).



**Photo One:** Stephen Greenberger (Gala Co-Chair), David Kubiliun (Gala Co-Chair), Madelyn Zelman (Auction Chair and DDF Board Member and Secretary), and Gala MC Lisa Petrillo (Entertainment and Lifestyle reporter for CBS4 Miami).



**Photo Two:** Rebecca Bratter of Greenspoon Marder; Auction Chair and DDF Board Member and Secretary Madelyn Zelman; Debbie Goldin of Hoffman's Chocolates - A BBX Captial Company; Todd Goldberg of Memorial West Medical Staff; Andrew Guttman and DDF President and Founder Debbie Zelman; Gil Drosdow of Sheridan Healthcare an Envision Company; DDF Board Member John Nash of AmeriJet; and Russell Sassani and Michael Schneider of Take Shape Plastic Surgery

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