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**Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer Raises More Than \$80,000
at the
3rd Annual Dream BIG Luncheon**

A major milestone is celebrated as hundreds come together in a quest to turn one cancer patient's dream into a reality.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – (October 5, 2017) – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF), a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds for stomach cancer, hosted its 3rd Annual Dream BIG Luncheon on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Weston, Florida. With 318 registered guests, the event raised over \$80,000 to fund research and benefit stomach cancer patients around the world. Since 2013, DDF has allocated \$700,000 in grant funding.

The luncheon featured a silent auction and three course lunch in honor of DDF President and Founder and current stomach cancer patient Debbie Zelman's 50th birthday. Auction items included priceless experiences, jewelry, fine dining, vacations, and travel. Local 10 News WPLG reporter Kristi Krueger was Master of Ceremonies, and Linda Gendler and Sabrina Kurzman were the Co-Chairs for the third year in a row.

"When I was diagnosed 9 ½ years ago, I didn't think I would see my 50th birthday," said Zelman. "It was truly humbling to celebrate with so many people who care about finding a cure as much as I do. I have made it my personal mission to bring awareness to this growing disease and its lack of adequate funding so other families won't have to go through what mine did."

During the luncheon, Zelman was presented with proclamations declaring September 25th "Debbie Zelman Day" from the cities of Davie, Plantation, Weston, and Broward County for her hard work; the difference she has made for stomach cancer patients worldwide; and for reaching this life milestone.

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 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 gastric cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. DDF now has a Scientific

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and Medical Advisory Board of world renowned doctors and chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and Germany. Considered a “Super Survivor,” Debbie is still receiving chemotherapy almost 9 ½ 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.



Photo One: Luncheon Co-Chair Linda Gendler, MC Kristi Krueger, DDF President and Founder Debbie Zelman, and Luncheon Co-Chair Sabrina Kurzman



Photo Two: DDF Board Member Stephen Greenberger, DDF President and Founder Debbie Zelman, Soledad Malo, Sebastian Malo of Luncheon Activity Sponsor Pines Lincoln, and Susan Israel

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