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Saturday Night Live Comedians Help Raise Money for Stomach Cancer Research at DDF's 3rd Annual New York Night of Laughter

Sold out comedy event brings in more than \$41,000 for stomach cancer research funding

New York, New York – (December 18, 2017) – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) held its third annual New York Night of Laughter at the Gotham Comedy Club in New York, New York on Sunday, November 12, 2017. More than \$41,000 was raised to support DDF's mission to help fund stomach cancer research and find a cure for this devastating disease.

Event Co-chairs Andrew Elkin and Lauren Mandel, and their committee hosted a sold out crowd of more than 250 attendees. The evening consisted of amazing raffle items, delicious drinks, and hilarious comedy. Attendees of the sold out event were entertained by co-anchors of Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update" Colin Hanks and Michael Che, Saturday Night Live writer Julio Torres, as well as comedian and actress Marion Grodin.

"My mom, Sally Mandel, was diagnosed with Stage IV stomach cancer in 2014, and together we served on the NY NOL committee for two years," said Mandel, whose mother passed away in June of 2017. "It was an honor to step into the role of co-chair this year in her memory."

"From the time that my cousin Debbie Zelman founded DDF, the organization has always been very important to me," said Elkin. "I am thrilled at how successful our third annual New York Night of Laughter turned out to be. This would not have been possible without the help from DDF and my co-chair Lauren who did an amazing job, as well as the dedicated support of our other committee members, generous sponsors, donors and attendees. I very much look forward to holding another great event next year!"

The National Night of Laughter Title Sponsor was Lilly Oncology and the Headliner Sponsor was Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation.

For more information about DDF and its upcoming events, call (954) 475-1200 or visit www.DebbiesDream.org

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 gastric 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
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cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. DDF now has a Scientific and Medical Advisory Board of world renowned doctors and as well as 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: Night of Laughter Event Co-chairs Lauren Mandel and Andrew Elkin



Photo Two: Saturday Night Live Comedians Michael Che and Colin Hanks

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