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Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer Raises Nearly \$40,000 at Its 10th Annual Night of Laughter

Hundreds come together to raise awareness and funds for stomach cancer research through comedy.

Dania Beach, Florida – (February 1, 2019) – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) hosted approximately 250 guests and raised close to \$40,000 for stomach cancer research at its tenth annual Night of Laughter. The event was held at Stage 954 at The Casino at Dania Beach in Dania Beach, Florida on Sunday, January 27, 2019. The night consisted of an amazing raffle, a fantastic buffet of delicious hors d'oeuvres, a live auction featuring artwork by Jason "SKEL" Skeldon, some magic tricks performed by Magic by Mio, signature cocktails provided by Tito's Vodka, and a hilarious comedy show starring Miami's headlining comedian Ricky Cruz.

DDF Board President Michael Ehren set the tone for the evening as he welcomed guests and reaffirmed the organization's mission and commitment to help find a cure for stomach cancer. "At our last Night of Laughter we had just lost our Founder Debbie Zelman a few weeks earlier, and there were some questions about our future and what would come next," said Ehren. "One year later, I am very proud to say that we are standing tall, we are still making our mark, and we are still just getting started."

This year's event was made possible by Night of Laughter Chair and DDF Board member Mitch Starr, who has led the event for the second year in a row along with his committee. Event sponsors include Laugh Out Loud Sponsors The Law Offices of Anidjar & Levine and Bienenfeld, Lasek, & Starr, LLC; Funny Bone Sponsors Josh Dotoli Real Estate Group, Mass Mutual South Florida, and Tito's Handmade Vodka; and Comic Relief Sponsor Baron Merchant Service and Jason Giller, P.A.

"It was another incredibly successful Night of Laughter," said Starr. "We could not have done it without the support of the committee, the DDF team and the generosity of our sponsors and community."

For more information about DDF, 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 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. Debbie is considered a pioneer by many for

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bringing awareness to the plight of stomach cancer patients worldwide, and the lack of federal funding for stomach cancer research. She did all of this while receiving hundreds of rounds of chemo, in addition to daily oral treatments. Debbie passed away on December 23, 2017 at the age of 50, almost a decade later. As a result of her leadership, DDF now has a Scientific and Medical Advisory Board of world-renowned doctors and chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and Germany. DDF strives to continue Debbie's mission to make her dream come true. To learn more about DDF, please visit us at www.DebbiesDream.org.



Photo Two: Night of Laughter headlining comedian Ricky Cruz entertaining the crowd at the 10th Annual Night of Laughter



Photo Two Option: Night of Laughter Chair and DDF Board member Mitchell Starr, Executive Director Andrea Eidelman, and Board President Michael Ehren at the 10th Annual Night of Laughter

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