

Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation's 11th Annual Collaborating for a Cure Gala Raises Over \$4 Million

The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF), raised over \$4 million at its Eleventh Annual Collaborating for a Cure Benefit on November 20, 2008 at the 69th Regiment Armory in New York City, inspired by hosts Elin and Michael Nierenberg. The total included a \$1.5 million challenge grant from the Foundation's Board of Directors. Master of ceremonies for the 1,000 seat event was Chevy Chase. The benefit included an online auction at Charitybuzz.com, an on-site silent auction and a live auction run by Hugh Hildesley of Sotheby's. Coveted once-in-a-lifetime lots auctioned at the gala included tennis with Andre Agassi, dinner at the Waverly Inn with Chevy and Jayni Chase, a cruise on a yacht newly renovated for \$18 million, a corporate jet to a private villa in St. Barts and another in St. Maarten, a drum kit and lesson from Aerosmith's famed drummer Joey Kramer. Celebrity guests in attendance included Joey Kramer himself, Cancer 101 founder Monica Knoll, and ESPN star, Jeremy Schaap. The evening featured a great concert by Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Steely Dan and a rocking after party with the Lost Trailers.

Half of American men and one third of American women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) focuses on one of the most promising strategies for developing cures and treatments for many types of cancer. It even offers hope for preventing cancer from developing. Rather than kill cancer cells through the traditional treatments of chemotherapy and radiation, Foundation-supported research aims to reprogram chaotically growing cancer cells to behave normally and die. This targeted treatment has minimal side effects on patients and enables them to maintain their normal life during treatment. Cancer may one day become a chronic disease, loosely comparable to diabetes, where drugs will enable the patient to live a normal lifespan with a near normal quality of life.

The Foundation's *Institute Without Walls* is a unique collaboration among the world-renowned scientists it funds, who share their knowledge to stimulate cross-fertilization and to accelerate the pace of research. Since 1976, the Foundation has made \$65+ million in grants training and supporting more than 160 scientists throughout the United States, Canada, China, Europe and Israel.