

Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation's 10th Annual Collaborating for a Cure Gala Raises Over \$5.7 Million

The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF), topped their fundraising record by raising over \$5.7 Million at its Tenth Annual Collaborating for a Cure Benefit on November 29, 2007 at the 69th Regiment Armory in New York City, inspired by hosts Elin and Michael Nierenberg. The total included a \$1 million matching grant from the Skirball Foundation and the \$1 million needed to meet the match.

Master of ceremonies for the sold out 1,200-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 an hour of tennis with Andre Agassi, a cocktail party with Chevy and Jayni Chase, a corporate jet to a private villa in St. Barts, a chance to meet Aerosmith, and the opportunity to audition for the HBO hit *Entourage*. Celebrity guests in attendance included singer Nick Lachey, actress Ileana Douglas, Cancer 101 founder Monica Knoll, actor Jesse Johnson fresh from filming "Prey" and Patti D'Arbanville who just signed on for the 5th season of 'Rescue Me'.

The evening featured a rare musical performance by the Eagles' Glenn Frey and Joe Walsh 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 the 21st Century. The Foundation funds cutting edge research in one of the most exciting fields in medical science and cancer – genetics. The goal is to identify innovative cancer-fighting agents through increased understanding of how genes determine cell behavior. This knowledge is applied to development of effective drugs precisely targeted to intervene in cell functions/malfunctions so that the treatments do not harm the patient or cause significant side effects, thus curing cancer or turning it into a manageable chronic disease.

Established in 1976, 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. The Foundation has made \$55+ million in grants training and supporting more than 160 scientists throughout the United States, Canada, China, Europe and Israel.