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**LEEZA GIBBONS DARE2CARE PRE-OSCAR PARTY DELIVERS WORLD CLASS
ENTERTAINMENT, GLAMOUR AND GIVING BACK**

A-Listers from Film, TV, Music, Sports and Fashion Show up to “Party for a Purpose”

And Raise Money For Charity

LOS ANGELES, CA (February 28, 2011) – **Leeza Gibbons** and **David Foster** teamed up last Thursday evening to present *Dare2Care*, a pre-Oscar cocktail party at BOA on Sunset. The sensational bash and “party with a purpose” raised funds to **benefit the Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation and its signature program, Leeza’s Place**. The evening successfully raised approximately \$250,000 and was hosted by Gibbons and Foster. After a bustling red carpet and celebrity conversations about Oscar predictions and how the question shouldn’t be “What are you wearing?” but “How are you caring?”, the evening’s entertainment began and featured performances by world renowned artists such as Grammy Award winning artist **LeAnn Rimes**, musical prodigy **David Foster**, and singer/songwriter **Chantelle Delaney**.

The event hosted a bevy of Tinseltown’s most philanthropic celebrities including: **Brian Boitano, Carolyn Hennessy, Dee Wallace, Diane Warren, Eddie Cibrian, Eden Espinosa, Fran Drescher, Hill Harper, Jackson Rathbone, Jamie Lee Curtis, Jennifer Grey, Kathryn Joosten, Lance Bass, Lisa Vidal, Maria Menounos, Mario Lopez, Shaun Toub, Sela Ward, Sharon Lawrence, Sue Wong, Terrell Owens** and more.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT INCLUDED:

- Country music darling **LeAnn Rimes** got teary eyed during her set, exclaiming that in her long career the most important thing she’s learned is the importance of support and love and to not judge others for their mistakes.
- “Dancing with the Stars” champion **Jennifer Grey** presented **Jamie Lee Curtis** with the Caring Heart Award for continually championing important causes and lifting others through her example.

- **Hill Harper** was given the Empower Award for utilizing his celebrity to provide opportunities for the next generation by way of mentorship and scholarships. Shortly after, **Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles** was granted the Leadership Award for 157 years of helping families suffering from debilitating circumstances like hunger and domestic violence.
- Event sponsors **InStyler & Sheer Cover** provided a “touch up lounge” for guests to get their make-up freshened up and gifted them with tons of free product.
- One lucky senior citizen from **Brookdale Senior Living**, named Clarita, had her dreams come true when she was invited to dance by one of the “Dancing with the Stars” professional dancers, a life goal for this deserving woman. The duo danced to the music of an aspiring musician, Kristi Cawley, whose dream it was to have her demo heard by industry bigwigs. The moment was made even more special when Clarita was surprised by her celebrity crush **Mario Lopez** who cut in and finished the dance.
- Leeza partnered with EXTRA and developer/philanthropist **Rick Caruso** to seek out **Caruso’s Courageous Caregivers** – family members who tirelessly devote their time and energy to someone they love dealing with a chronic illness. Nominations were accepted online and the three winners were announced during the course of the evening, each of which was bestowed a medal for the way they “dare to care”. Broadway star **Eden Espinosa** then took to the stage to serenade these women with the Broadway pop anthem “Defying Gravity” from the smash-hit musical “Wicked”- a poignant song about strength and never giving up.

Sponsors for the event included **Variety, EXTRA, Patron, InStyler, Ultimat Vodka, Patron, Brookdale Senior Living, Sheer Cover, The W Residences, Tina & Rick Caruso, Lily & John Bosse, Cheryl & Haim Saban, Beny Alagem & The Beverly Hilton, and David Bohnett & Tom Gregory.**

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About Leeza’s Place

Developed in response to the challenges Leeza and her family encountered while seeking support in dealing with her mother’s diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease, Leeza’s Place is a potent source of information, strength and purpose. Leeza’s Place is “A Place for Caregivers”; a community gathering place and resource center that provides free supportive services and programs for family caregivers who are impacted by a loved one with a memory disorder or chronic illness. All of the programs at Leeza’s Place serve the unique needs, values, pressures and goals of caregivers and their loved ones. Currently,

there are Leeza's Place centers across the country including two in the Los Angeles area. For more information, please visit www.LeezasPlace.org.