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Cocktails for a Cause



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Jodie and John Eastman and Katama and Jay Eastman hosted a cocktail reception for the New York Stem Cell Foundation (NYSCF) at Jodie and John's East Hampton home last Friday. The assembled guests heard NYSCF CEO and Co-Founder **Susan Solomon**, along with **Dr. Kevin Eggan**, investigator at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and NYSCF scientific director, speak about the potential of embryonic stem cell research to cure the major diseases of our time, the latest developments in the lab and on the political front, and the importance of private funding to advance this critically important science.

Founded in 2005, the New York Stem Cell Foundation (NYSCF) is a privately funded foundation dedicated to furthering human embryonic stem cell research to advance the search for cures of the major diseases of our time. The foundation opened the first privately funded human embryonic stem cell laboratory in New York in March 2006 to serve as a "safe haven" where scientists from academic medical centers in the New York area and throughout the East Coast can conduct advanced human embryonic stem cell research free of the federal restrictions that limit the scope of government-supported work.

The Foundation convenes an annual Translational Stem Cell Research Conference at which researchers present the latest advances in the field; this year's conference will be held October 15-16, 2007 at Rockefeller University in New York City. The organization's mission is to support scientists engaged in human embryonic stem cell (hESC) research and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), through grants, fellowships and symposia;

to educate the public about the importance and potential benefits of hESC research and SCNT; and to establish new collaborative, state-of-the-art research facilities supported entirely with private funds and directly focused on curing disease.



Steve Kroft, Daylon James, Dr. Kevin Eggan,
and Susan Solomon



Mahnaz Ispahani, Adam Bartos, Bob Memschel,
and Janet Wallach



Steven Gaines, Louise Loening, and John Eastman



Tom Marino, Gail Geronemus, Lloyd Blankfein, Paul Goldberger,
Jill Marino, and Liz Robbins



NYSCF Scientific Director, Dr. Kevin Eggan, Jodie Eastman, John Eastman, Woody Johnson, and Susan Solomon



Adam Bartos, Mahnaz Ispahani, John Alexander and Fiona Waterstreet



Betina Zilka, Somers Farkas, and Eve Patton



Barbara and Alan Washkowitz



John Eastman, Adam Bartos, Mahnaz Isphani,
Bob Menschel, and Janet Wallach



Anne Williams, Polly Bruckmann, and Marilyn Breslow



Lloyd Blankfein, Gail Geronemus, Susan Solomon,
and Paul Goldberger



Francis Barlow, Lynn Hummer, and Jodie Eastman