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**Sixth Annual GW Cancer Gala to Honor Leaders in the Fight Against Cancer and Raise Funds
for Cancer and Programs in the DC Community**

WASHINGTON — The GW Cancer Gala honors leaders in the fight against cancer, raises funds for critical cancer programs in the DC metropolitan area, and supports cancer research to deliver cutting-edge treatments to cancer patients in our region and beyond. DC has the highest cancer rate in the nation and GW has a pivotal role in addressing this through crucial community outreach, superior clinical services, groundbreaking research, innovative academic programs and vital policy work.

When: 6 pm—Saturday, April 25, 2009

What: Reception, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Dinner, and Awards Ceremony

Where: The Ritz Carlton
1150 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037

Who: **Principal Benefactors:** Dr. and Mrs. Cyrus Katzen and Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Katzen

Honorees include:

The Honorable Edward M. “Ted” Kennedy

United States Senator and Chairman,

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Jeanette A. Michael, Esq.

Former Executive Director, DC Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board

Member, The George Washington University Board of Trustees

Seven-year Breast Cancer Survivor

Gala Co-Chairs: Diane Robinson Knapp and Kimberly D. Russo, associate administrator at GW Hospital

Rachel F. Brem, MD

Director of Breast Imaging and Intervention, Professor of Radiology, and Vice-Chair, Department of Radiology, The George Washington University Medical Center

Honorary Gala Co-Chairmen:

GW President Steven Knapp

The Honorable Michael B. Enzi, BA '66

Entertainment:

Emcee: Wolf Blitzer

Grammy-award winning guitarist Al Petteway and Amy White

There will be a Silent and Live Auction at the Gala; An online auction is taking place at www.gwcancergala.org

***For more information about the 2009 GW Cancer Gala, please refer to www.gwcancergala.org.**

***If you are planning on covering this event, please contact Anne Banner at mcmacb@gwumc.edu or 202-994-2261.**

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