

GRAY MATTERS AT COLUMBIA SPRING BENEFIT LUNCHEON

NEW YORK, NY— The 9th annual Gray Matters at Columbia Spring Benefit Luncheon was held at The Plaza Hotel on Tuesday, May 10, and honored Audrey Gruss, Founder and Chair of the Hope for Depression Research Foundation (HDRF). Mistress of Ceremonies Donna Hanover welcomed the more than 400 luncheon guests who raised a remarkable \$610,000.

The theme of this year's luncheon was depression, one of the leading causes of disability and mortality in the world. Under Ms. Gruss' leadership, the HDRF provides funding for research into the cause, diagnosis and treatment of depression and other mood disorders. The motivation and inspiration for her efforts was her own mother's struggle with depression. The luncheon program included remarks from Ms. Gruss and Department of Psychiatry Chairman, Dr. Jeffrey A. Lieberman, a panel discussion of cutting edge research on depression by Columbia Psychiatry scientists Joshua A. Gordon, MD, PhD, René Hen, PhD, Jonathan Javitch, MD, PhD, and Steven P. Roose, MD, as well as a moving performance by poet Patrick Roche.

The Annual Gray Matters event is made possible by the extraordinary efforts of a dedicated group of family members and advocates for persons with mental illness. Funds raised by the luncheon support young scientists pursuing brain research to help solve the mystery of behavioral brain disorders like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression and autism. The chosen recipients benefit from the multidisciplinary expertise of a peerless team of clinicians and scientists that includes two Nobel laureates.

The 2016-17 Gray Matters Fellows are Guarav Patel, MD, PhD (schizophrenia), Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele (autism and schizophrenia), MD, Aimee Campbell, PhD, MSSW (substance abuse), and Bret Rutherford, MD (aging brain and depression). Past honorees at the Spring Benefit Luncheon include Glenn Close, Andrew Solomon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Paula Zahn, Anne Ford and Jane Pauley.

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René Hen, PhD, Jonathan Javitch, MD, PhD, Audrey Gruss, Joshua Gordon, MD, PhD and Jeffrey Lieberman, MD



Jeffrey Lieberman, MD, Charlotte Ford and Lee Goldman, MD



Audrey Gruss and Donna Hanover



Representatives from philosophy's hope & grace initiative



Betina Farkas, Lou Baptista, MD and Leonardo Farkas



Farah Moinian, Patsy Kahn and Shirin Moinian



Audrey Gruss



Patricia Ramonas, Jeffrey Lieberman, MD, Jeanine Ramonas, Bill Ramonas and Rosemarie Lieberman



Ginny Millhiser, Patrick Roche, Arlyn Gardner



Brigitt Rok and Teresa Melhado



Jeffrey Lieberman, MD and Audrey Gruss



Jonathan Posner, MD, Amy Margolis, PhD, Guillermo Horga, MD



Donna Hanover



Drew Ramsey, MD and Sedi Flugelman, PhD



Audrey Dinkello and Sarah Long



Margie Furniss and Barbara Cates



Muffy Walker, Andrew Solomon and Anke Ehrhardt, PhD



Patrick Roche



Patsy Kahn and Susan Ferris



Stephanie Gerard, Coco Geneste, Tiffani Carter and Jessica D'Amico



Diana Feldman, Anne Ford and Charlotte Ford



Ryan Sahn, Lori Rosenfeld, Jennifer Weis Monsky and Colleen Weis Laiks



Annette Swanstrom, Rosemarie Lieberman, Alison Singer, Alycia Halladay, PhD, and Pat Ramonas



Denise Dumont Chapman, Matthew Chapman, Cynthia Wainwright and Aspasia Zoumas



Dana Buchman and Ted Kamoutsis



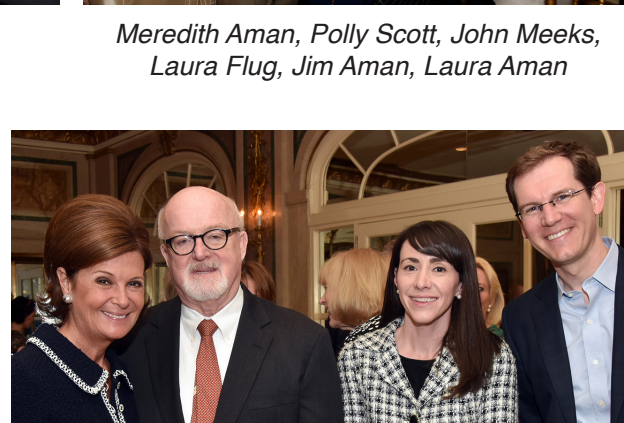
Meredith Aman, Polly Scott, John Meeks, Laura Flug, Jim Aman, Laura Aman



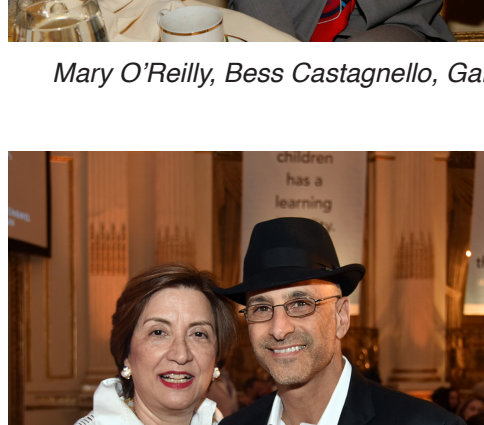
Mary O'Reilly, Bess Castagnello, Gail Castagnello



Fern Tailer, Susan Ferris and Barbara Cates



Laura Slatkin, Stephen Case, Christine Denny, PhD, and Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, MD



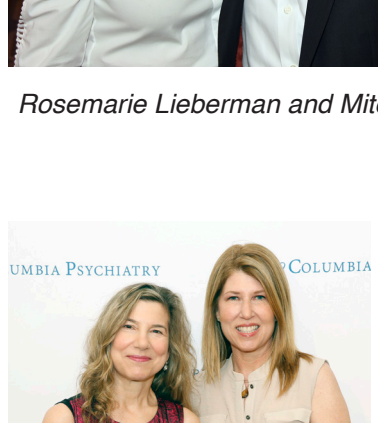
Rosemarie Lieberman and Mitch Kutlik



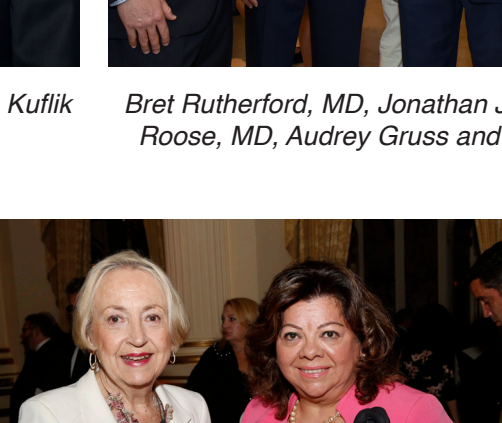
Bret Rutherford, MD, Jonathan Javitch, MD, Steven Roose, MD, Audrey Gruss and Jeffrey Pines, MD



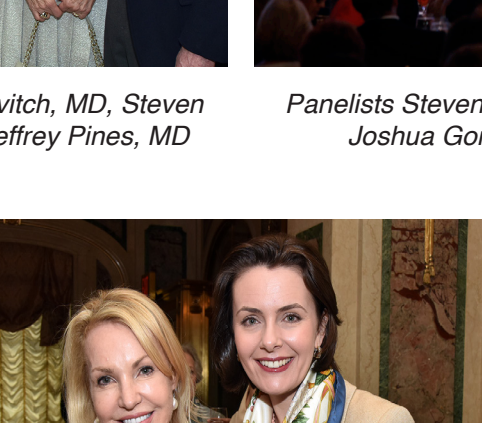
Panelists Steven Roose, MD, Jonathan Javitch, MD, PhD, Joshua Gordon, MD, PhD, and René Hen, PhD



Catherine Monk, PhD and Laura Klein



Mariuz Giron, Angela Moncayo-Yera



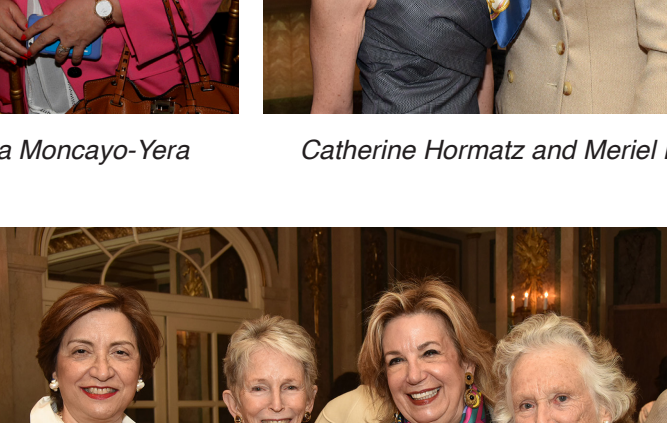
Catherine Hormatz and Meriel Lari



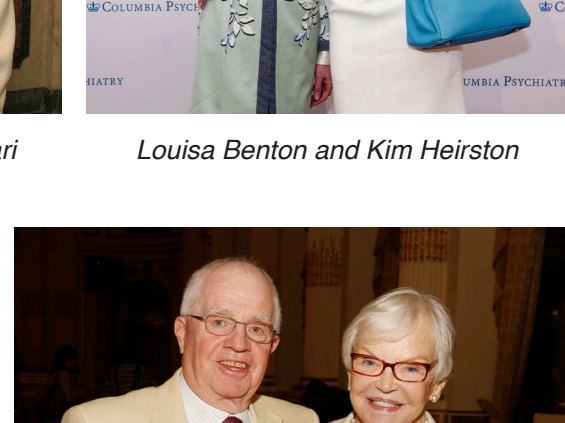
Louisa Benton and Kim Heirston



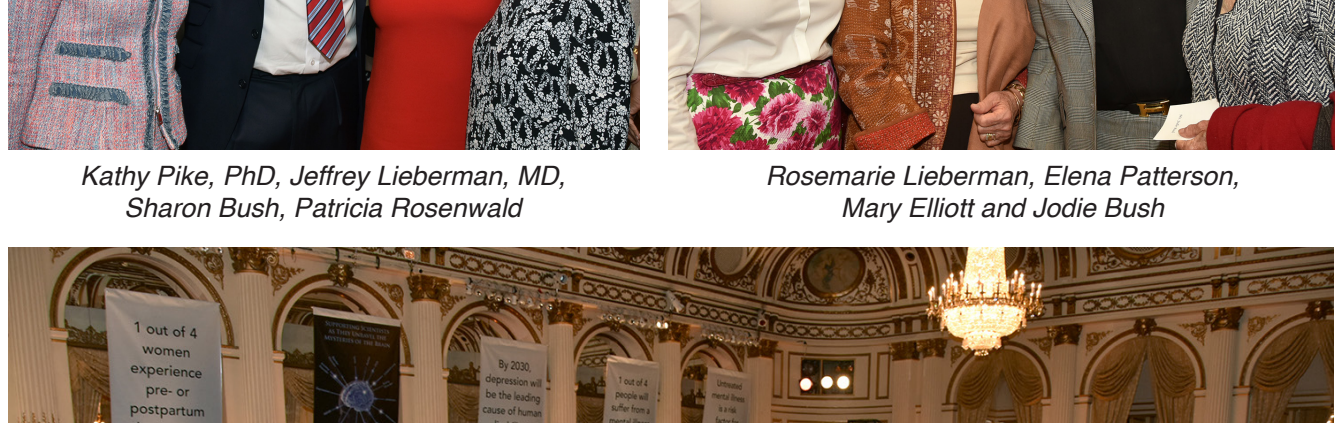
Kathy Pike, PhD, Jeffrey Rosenman, MD, Sharon Bush, Patricia Rosenwald



Rosemarie Lieberman, Elena Patterson, Mary Elliott and Jodie Bush



Joe and Claudia Jensen



Plaza Grand Ballroom



Cheryl Corcoran MD, Estelle Bender MD, Esther Kim, MD, David Kimhy, PhD



Gus Davis, Katy Briger, Marcella Cieceri