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**Nourishment from Within: Gabriella's Kitchen serves skinnypasta™ at the Vatican**

***Esteemed Speakers At International Conference Reinforce Message that Diet and Food Choices Impact Cancer Research and Treatment***

**LOS ANGELES** May 4, 2016 – Gabriella's Kitchen served skinnypasta™, which is GMO-free and has no additives or preservatives, to over 350 guests, including renowned cell therapy doctors and scientists, ethicists, philanthropists and leaders of faith and government attending *Cellular Horizons: The Third International Conference on the Progress of Regenerative Medicine and Its Cultural Impact* at the Vatican from April 28<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>. Prepared by Sergio Dussin, "Cuoco del Papa" (translated means "chef for the Pope"), nine different dishes were created and more than 1,500 pounds of skinnypasta were served to the conference delegates.

Among the key themes discussed, Dr. William Li highlighted proper nourishment and diet on the third day of the conference. Dr. Li is a renowned cancer researcher, TED speaker and founder of The Angiogenesis Foundation, as well as Eat To Beat, the global campaign working to crush the cancer epidemic by getting people to eat foods that starve cancer. Dr. Li's campaign studies the potency of foods and beverages containing cancer-starving activity in order to establish a cancer-preventative diet. Dr. Li referenced Gabriella's Kitchen in his address at the conference as an example of a company using food to help people fight disease and stay healthy.

Other high-profile attendees included Pope Francis, Vice President Joseph Biden, Katie Couric (*Yahoo!* Global News Anchor), Dr. Sanjay Gupta (CNN Chief Medical Correspondent), Sean Parker (Napster, Facebook, Parker Foundation), Katie Couric (Yahoo News), Dr. Max Gomez (winner of nine Emmy Awards for his work on *Dateline*, the *Today Show* and others) and Robin Roberts (ABC's *Good Morning America* co-anchor), who spoke at the conference about her experience with breast cancer and myelodysplastic syndrome. After she was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, a rare bone marrow disease, her sister offered her own bone marrow for Ms. Roberts' treatments. Ms. Roberts didn't want her sister to feel obligated but her sister told her, "I was born to do this for you."

Margot M. Micallef, CEO and co-founder of Gabriella's Kitchen, said Ms. Roberts' story of family love and support mirrored her own experience with her sister, Gabriella. Soon after co-founding their company and creating skinnypasta together, Gabriella was diagnosed with lung cancer and eventually passed away.

"As Robin said at the conference, when someone is diagnosed with cancer or any disease, it's as though the whole family is diagnosed. Everyone is affected emotionally," said Micallef. "Meeting Robin and hearing about the love and support between her and her sister really resonated with me. Our mission to create healthy, delicious foods that

families can enjoy together, regardless of anyone's health issues, is an important one. The belief that wellness comes from within – and the importance of nourishing the body with fresh, high-quality and nutritious ingredients – was one of the reoccurring themes at the conference reinforcing the mission we have at Gabriella's Kitchen.”

### **Gabriella's Kitchen**

Italian sisters Gabriella and Margot Micallef founded the company now known as Gabriella's Kitchen to create nutritious and delicious foods that everyone could enjoy, regardless of their dietary preferences or restrictions. Naturally, they started with pasta! Using fresh, high-quality ingredients and an original artisanal Italian pasta machine, they created skinnypasta™, allowing everyone to Love Pasta Again™. In 2009, the sisters began commercializing their non-traditional pasta and, in 2015, the company was renamed Gabriella's Kitchen in honor of Margot's late sister, who remains the inspiration behind the company.

For more information, including where to purchase Gabriella's Kitchen products, please visit [www.GKskinnypasta.com](http://www.GKskinnypasta.com) or follow the company on Twitter @skinnypasta and #NourishPassionForLife.

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