



**JOIN THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT AT THE JUNE 7 SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET AND LIVE AUCTION AT THE 2008 GIG EDUCATION CONFERENCE. WE'VE GOT SOME MIGHTY GOOD AUCTION ITEMS THAT WILL BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN INCLUDING AUCTIONING OFF DR. FASANO AND DANNA KORN FOR A PERSONAL BREAKFAST WITH ONE OF THEM ON SUNDAY MORNING! BE READY TO BID THEM UP!!**



**Dr. Fasano Breakfast:**

Here's is your chance to bid on a GIG exclusive: breakfast with one of the top celiac disease researchers in the country, Dr. Alessio Fasano. Enjoy a private breakfast at the hotel restaurant where you will have the opportunity to go one-to-one with Dr. Fasano and ask him those questions you always wish you could during normal "visiting" hours. Be the first to experience breakfast with not only this accomplished author, speaker, and inventor, but one of the biggest, most exciting and highly entertaining personalities in the field of medicine today! With Dr. Fasano's devilish good looks and great sense of humor do we dare call him the "Movie Star" of the celiac community? Come on ladies, cast your bid and eat your heart out...

Dr. Fasano is a Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics, and Physiology, and Director of the Mucosal Biology Research Center at the University of Maryland. He came to University of Maryland from Italy in 1993 with an interest in broadening his studies of enteric pathogenesis, especially enteric toxins, and rose to the position of Professor in six years. In 1993 Dr. Fasano founded the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, and has served as its director since that time. He also founded the Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology Section at the Center for Vaccine Development. In 1996, he established the Center for Celiac Research, a unique facility that offers state of the art research, teaching, and clinical expertise for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Celiac disease. He is an accomplished author and speaker and inventor of over 100 patents. Dr. Fasano's scholarly efforts have focused on the pathophysiology of intercellular tight junctions. Through a series of peer reviewed, published studies, Dr. Fasano described an intestinal mammalian analogue of a Vibrio cholerae derived protein, which reversibly opens intestinal tight junctions. Dr. Fasano named this protein zonulin, and subsequently confirmed its participation in physiological regulation of intercellular tight junctions in a wide range of epithelia beyond the intestine.

**Danna Korn Breakfast:**

Calling all gluten-free families! Here's your chance to bid on a dream come true- your own personal "SURVIVOR" guide to the challenging and unique world of raising gluten-free kids-Sunday breakfast with Danna Korn, the author of "*Kids with Celiac Disease: A Family Guide to Raising Happy, Healthy Gluten-Free Children,*" and "*Living Gluten-Free for Dummies.*" Danna appears frequently in the national and local media as an expert on celiac disease and the gluten-free lifestyle, and has written dozens of articles on gluten-free living that have been published in national magazines and newspapers. In 1991, after her son was diagnosed with the condition, she founded R.O.C.K. (Raising Our Celiac Kids), a free support group for families of children on a gluten-free diet. Today, Danna leads more than 130 chapters of R.O.C.K. throughout the nation. She speaks frequently around the country to health care professionals, celiac families, parents of autistic kids and others on a gluten-free diet. Enjoy a delicious gluten-free breakfast, especially prepared for you by the Marriott Hotel while you have the opportunity to ask Danna your own personal questions about living gluten-free: such as cooking tips; menu ideas; managing friends and families; and navigating family trips and school cafeterias. Don't let this priceless experience pass you by. Not only is Danna a respected author, but, if Dr. Fasano is the "Movie Star", Danna Korn is our energetic, bubbly, vivacious "ROCK Star". This opportunity is a GIG exclusive and only available to the luckiest. Are you feeling lucky?

