

Young adults committed to ending cancer gambled for a more hopeful future on June 3 at the Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills hotel. The occasion was “Ante Up!” the fourth annual Tower Cancer Research Foundation (TCRF) Cancer Free Generation poker tournament and casino night that raises money for cancer research.

Attendees included **Nancy Mishkin**, a TCRF board member and chairwoman emeritus at Beit T’Shuvah; Olympic triple jump gold medalist **Al Joyner**; Cancer Free Generation founding board member **Kelly Prather**, who at the age of 35 was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer; **Vanessa Marcil**, an actress who converted to Judaism; and Polish-American model **Joanna Krupa**.

“So many people are affected by cancer,” Krupa said. “We need to work together to get rid of this horrible disease.”

The event featured a Texas Hold’em tournament, blackjack tables and an open bar.

Founded in 1996 by a group of physicians, patients and volunteers, TCRF supports high-impact cancer research and clinical trials. The Los Angeles-based organization, which has raised more than \$25 million in the last decade, awards scientific grants and provides support for cancer patients.

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Cancer Free Generation founding board member Kelly Prather (left) and Tower Cancer Research Foundation (TCRF) board member Nancy Mishkin attend “Ante Up!” — the fourth annual TCRF Cancer Free Generation poker tournament. Photo by Vivien Best.