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*The Pretty Party Teams Up with Lupus Genetics Study for May Event*

**Oklahoma City, OK (May 10, 2010)**- The month of May is traditionally known for celebrating mom, yet few people realize that May is also National Lupus Awareness Month. This year, women across Oklahoma City have a chance to acknowledge both by celebrating their beauty at The Pretty Party. The event is enjoying its second year of success in select Texas cities, and co-founders Alexia Johnson and Summer Galvez are excited about its Oklahoma debut at **Oh! Space Photography Studio located at 3012 N. Robinson Avenue (OKC, OK 73103) on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 1-6pm**. Proceeds from registrations will benefit lupus research and various OKC lupus support groups.

This chic pampering event features some of OKC's top professional hairstylists, salons and make-up artists who will style each guest and prepare them to star in a mini-photo shoot. Throughout the day, pampered guests will also indulge in an assortment of hor d'oeuvres and light beverages, while browsing beautiful product and service booths of local vendors and sponsors.

Johnson explains, "The Pretty Party concept is about recognizing the queen in each and every woman and our goal is that every special woman in attendance leaves with a renewed self-confidence in the way she looks and feels. With this worthwhile event, we hope to increase the public's awareness and understanding of lupus, a disease that affects over 1.5 million Americans, particularly women. This is why we are so excited about the involvement of the Lupus Genetics Studies housed at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation."

The Pretty Party was previously scheduled for Sage Gourmet Café but the unexpected surge of responses from vendors and guests merited a larger venue. The Pretty Party is the ultimate ladies soiree and Oklahomans are encouraged to treat their family, friends and themselves. Registration can be completed online at [www.theprettyparty.info](http://www.theprettyparty.info).

Vendor and sponsorship opportunities remain and those interested are asked submit inquiries to [alexia@theprettyparty.com](mailto:alexia@theprettyparty.com) for more information.

### ABOUT LUPUS GENETIC STUDIES (LGS)

The Lupus Genetics Studies (LGS) and Lupus Family Registry & Repository (LFRR) house the largest collection of clinical data and biologic samples from African American lupus families in the country. The LGS hopes to determine the cause of lupus and help develop more effective treatments for people who suffer from this devastating disease. Detailed information regarding the LGS and LFRR will be available to the public at the event.

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