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ROBIN WRIGHT PENN NAMED HONORARY CHAIRPERSON OF THE GORDIE FOUNDATION

Actress Robin Wright Penn has accepted the position of Honorary Chairperson of Dallas-based, The Gordie Foundation aimed at stopping alcohol abuse and unnecessary hazing on college and university campuses across the country.

She will assume the position immediately by appearing in a promotional segment for the film *HAZE*, presented by the foundation to raise awareness and a passion to solve this national issue. The film will be released in the first quarter of 2008.

Although she was born in Dallas and then raised in San Diego, Robin Wright Penn lives in Northern California, with her husband Sean Penn and two children, Dylan Frances and Hopper Jack.

Her acting career gained notoriety when she played Kelly Capwell on the Soap Opera *Santa Barbara*, Buttercup in the film *The Princess Bride* and Jenny Curran in *Forrest Gump*, earning her a Golden Globe nomination for Best Supporting Actress.

The Gordie Foundation is dedicated to the memory of Gordie Bailey, who passed away in Sept., 2004 from alcohol poisoning as a result of a fraternity hazing at the University of Colorado. He was 18-years-old.

“We are ecstatic to have someone of Robin’s stature accepting this Honorary Chairperson position,” said Michael B. Lanahan, President of The Gordie Foundation Board of Directors. “There are 1,700 student deaths per year and close to 100,000 cases of sexual assault that result from binge drinking and over zealous hazing on our campuses. We are convinced that Robin’s presence and message can help wake up our nation to the crisis at hand.”

“For some time I have followed the story of Gordie Bailey and the work of the Foundation Board and Gordie’s mother, Leslie Lanahan, to promote responsible drinking on campuses,” said Robin Wright Penn. “The work they have done, and the work that I hope to do as a concerned parent, is extremely important in trying to save a valuable life. Over time, we will be successful in inspiring local and national leaders to find a way to solve these tragedies on campuses.”

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