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Hall of Famers Ray Lewis and Swin Cash Join Sports Legends to Celebrate Dream Ball Gala's 15th Anniversary

Nancy Lieberman has spent 45 years helping children and families across North Texas through basketball, mentorship, and education



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Dallas, TX (September 28, 2026) - Nancy Lieberman Charities (NLC) celebrated 15 years of impact Saturday night with its annual Dream Ball gala at The Bomb Factory in Dallas. The event brought together sports legends, community leaders, and supporters to raise funds for programs that empower children through education, athletics, and mentorship. **To date, NLC has raised more than \$20 million through its programs and initiatives.**

During the evening's program, NLC announced that a **record 140 high school students received college scholarships**, highlighting the organization's continued commitment to expanding educational opportunities for young people.

The evening honored two renowned sports figures, Pro Football Hall of Famer and two-time Super Bowl Champion, **Ray Lewis**, who received the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, and Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer and three-time WNBA champion, **Swin Cash**, who received the **Inspirational Award**.

"Ray and Swin are champions in every sense of the word," said **Nancy Lieberman, founder and chair of Nancy Lieberman Charities and a Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer**. "Ray's determination and dedication to giving back, along with Swin's courage, compassion and commitment to empowering others, make them exceptional honorees. We are also honored to recognize Gina Carithers, CEO of the Prostate Cancer Foundation, with the Toby Keith American Hero Award for her extraordinary leadership and commitment to making a difference in the lives

of men. Each of these remarkable individuals represents the heart of what Dream Ball is about. We are grateful for the example they set and are proud to celebrate their impact at this year's Dream Ball Gala. “

“The greatest measure of success is not what we accomplish for ourselves, but what we do to lift others,” said **NFL Hall of Famer Ray Lewis**. “Nancy Lieberman has spent decades giving young people the belief, guidance, and opportunities they need to pursue their dreams. I’m honored to receive this award and proud to support the life-changing work of Nancy Lieberman Charities.”

The gala also featured an impressive collection of sports legends and personalities, including Gary Payton, Rick Barry, Ralph Sampson, Sterling Sharpe, Marty Turco, Tony Casillas and Ed “Too Tall” Jones, among others. Country music artist Coffey Anderson performed the National Anthem and “Mr. Red, White and Blue.

While Nancy Lieberman Charities celebrated its 15th anniversary this year, Lieberman's commitment to helping children in North Texas has spanned 45 years. Through basketball camps, clinics, scholarships and youth development programs, Lieberman has worked to provide young people with positive role models, greater opportunities, and the tools to succeed.

“Nancy has dedicated her life to giving children the confidence and support they need to reach their full potential,” said **WNBA and Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Swin Cash**. “The Dream Ball celebrated that legacy tonight, while investing in the next generation.”

The evening began with a red carpet, followed by dinner and the program.

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About Nancy Lieberman Charities

Nancy Lieberman Charities is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization funded by charitable donations and committed to creating healthy lifestyles and educational opportunities for young people. The organization focuses on improving outcomes for underserved youth through education, mental health and wellness, career and life preparedness, mentorship, leadership development, and technology access.

Through programs such as Dream Court™, educational scholarships, basketball camps, HBCU partnerships, STEM and technology initiatives, mentorship programs, and lectures focused on racial and social justice, Nancy Lieberman Charities uses the power of sports and education to help young people build confidence, self-esteem, resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills. The organization is committed to fostering inclusive communities and expanding opportunities for youth of all genders, races, ethnicities, religions and socioeconomic backgrounds. Through its educational, wellness, mentorship and leadership initiatives, Nancy Lieberman Charities impacts the lives of more than 5.5 million young people annually and works to ensure that no child faces life's challenges alone.

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