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## ACTRESS ELISABETH ROHM JOINS BABY QUEST AS 2016- 2017 ENTERTAINMENT AMBASSADOR JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 13, 2016--Los Angeles, CA--Actress **Elisabeth Rohm** (TNT's **The Last Ship**, **"American Hustle"**) has joined Baby Quest Foundation, a non-profit charity granting financial assistance for infertility procedures such as in vitro fertilization, egg and sperm donation, and gestational surrogacy as their 2016-2017 Entertainment Ambassador.

Established four years ago by Pamela Hirsch, the organization has awarded 55 grants totaling more than \$650,000 in cash and cash equivalents (negotiated doctor discounts, medications, and waived legal fees).

Meeting a few years ago at a local women's conference, Elisabeth and Pamela discovered their mutually shared goal to bring infertility to the forefront. They are pleased to be able to formalize their "partnership" to work together as they grow Baby Quest.

In her role, **Rohm** will help spread the message to the one in eight couples who struggle with fertility. Her participation will encourage discussion of a subject that is relevant to so many but often relegated to silence. Working with Baby Quest, **Rohm** will be a symbol of help for those who are desperate to start a family after numerous failed attempts when the only obstacle preventing parenthood is financial.

"We are thrilled to have Elisabeth as our Entertainment Ambassador and welcome her to our Board of Directors," said Hirsch. "We applaud Elisabeth's willingness to share her personal struggles publicly and hope that her story will help remove any negative stigma that often accompanies infertility.

"I am deeply honored to be working with Baby Quest in the coming year to bring to the forefront the issue of fertility, which touches so many of our lives," said Elisabeth Rohm. "It is my commitment that we as a community create a higher consciousness on this subject and through openness eradicate the stigmas

associated with fertility as a whole. It is my great wish that anyone who dreams of having a family may do so.”

Baby Quest is unique in that it has, virtually, no overhead as no one receives a salary. In addition to Hirsch, the group is led by an impressive Board of Directors comprised of reproductive specialists, family formation attorneys, financial analysts, and women’s health advocates.

The charity recently held a fundraiser attended by celebrity supporters such as: **America Olivo, Christian Campbell, Brenda Strong, Dan Bucatinsky, Alec Mapa, Sam Harris, Bridget Marquardt, Neil Sedaka, Joely Fisher, Connie Stevens, and Nigel Lythgoe.**

Although Baby Quest is based in Los Angeles, grant recipients reside throughout the U.S. in cities such as Reno, Portland, Little Rock, New York, Pittsburgh, Tulsa, Orlando, Memphis, Savannah, and Los Angeles to list a few. Stories of all recipients can be found on the charity’s website: [www.babyquestfoundation.org](http://www.babyquestfoundation.org).

Twice yearly, Baby Quest awards grants based upon the amount of tax-deductible donations collected. Baby Quest accepts applications from heterosexual, same sex couples and singles.

In addition to her current role as Allison Shaw on TNT’s “The Last Ship,” Elisabeth became part of the David O. Russell “family,” appearing alongside Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence, and Robert DeNiro in two of the director’s most recent acclaimed films: the Oscar nominated “American Hustle,” for which she received a SAG Award as part of Best Cast and last year’s “Joy.” Best known for her long-time role as ADA Serena Southerlyn on “Law and Order,” Elisabeth has appeared on numerous TV shows such as CBS’s “Stalker “Heroes,” and CW’s “Angel.”

Elisabeth chronicled her journey to parenthood in the best seller “Baby Steps: Having the Child I Always Wanted (Just Not as I Expected), ” written after she had her daughter Easton, who is now 8 years old.

For more information please visit [www.babyquestfoundation.org](http://www.babyquestfoundation.org).

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