

# Love & Libations: Sparkling Wine for Holiday Date Nights



By [Yolanda Shoshana](#)

December, a month packed with festive holiday gatherings, is the perfect time for sparkling wine. It's also a great way to pop into 2018. Bubbly is known for special occasions, so whichever holidays you celebrate, there's a bottle that will pair perfectly for your situation. Honestly, it's always a good time for sparkling wine. Even if you are having a quiet [date night](#) at home, you can break out the bubbles!

## Enjoy Celebrity Sparkling Wine on

# Your Next Date Night

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If you are looking for a sparkling wine to keep on hand, Giuliana Prosecco is the way to go. Most people know [Giuliana Rancic](#) from her days on *E! News*. Besides being a host, she also owns a few restaurants with her handsome husband, Bill Rancic. This year, Giuliana launched her Prosecco at their Chicago-based restaurants as an affordable and quality wine. Now, you can enjoy it with your friends and family for some added holiday cheer. It's like inviting this celebrity couple over for a good time!

When you want an elegant sparkling wine, pick up a bottle of Christie Brinkley's Bellissima DOC Brut. Brinkley is all about clean living, so it's no surprise that her wine is made with organic grapes. Produced in the beautiful region of Treviso, let your palate travel to Italy as you enjoy the aromas of green apples and baked bread. If you and your boo are having a quiet night in for New Year's Eve, let this choice be your go-to.

Former NBA player, Yao Ming, got into the wine game in 2011. The Napa-based winery is known for producing stellar wines. If you are planning a grown and sexy night with your partner, the Yao Ming Napa Valley Brut will add a special touch to your evening. Made with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, this crisp sparkler is flirty on the palate. It will add a touch of seduction to your evening. Yao brings in the meow.

If you want a sparkling wine that comes with a sassy attitude, you can always go with Myx Classico Sangria by Nicki Minaj. There's something about bubbly sangria that screams "good time." The best part about this wine is that it's ready to go. No need to mix up anything – just open the bottle and sip!

This Spanish wine-based sangria is a good one to drink while binging on romantic Christmas movies with your girl squad or with your partner (who may act like he doesn't want to watch, but secretly, you know he does).

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When Steve Amell isn't charming viewers as *The Arrow*, you can probably find him at his winery, Nocking Point, in Washington. Their limited edition Pacific Coast Pink sparkling rosé is a must-have for the holidays. It pairs perfectly with just about every holiday treat or meal. The sparkler is produced in New Mexico, which is such a fabulous area for sparkling wines that you may get hooked. This wine is perfect for that holiday party you're hosting later this month.

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## Reality Star Bill Rancic Defends Wife Giuliana Rancic After 'Fashion Police' Controversy





By Maggie Manfredi

They don't call them partners for nothing! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), The season one *Apprentice* winner Bill Rancic spoke out on the recent drama pertaining to the comments made by his celebrity wife on *Fashion Police*. Reality star Giuliana Rancic got some serious heat for her comments made around Zendaya's hair at the Oscars. She said that the dreadlock look might smell like patchouli oil...or weed. Later she came forward clarifying this was a hippie joke, but ultimately the damage was done and the Rancics decided to ride out the storm. Bill spoke to their celebrity marriage during the chaos, saying, "We made a plan. We were gonna just kinda weather it. We've got a strong marriage. We love each other. And we knew that she didn't do anything wrong. And obviously these situations bring us closer together. They can either tear you apart or bring you closer together, and we're a team."

**These reality stars are sticking up**

# for one another. How do you stand up for your partner in important situations?

## Cupid's Advice:

This reality star power couple really shows how partners can be stronger together. Cupid has some ideas on how you can be there for your partner:

**1. Be a listener:** Whether it's a bad day at work or family problems it is important to be the rock for your partner. Let them vent, let them release fully so they know you are there and supporting.

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**2. Take a back seat:** Sometimes even when your partner is in a negative light it can still be in their best interest for you to back down. Bill could have jumped all over the press and fought for Giuliana but instead he let her make a statement and he waited until the storm blew over to comment.

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**3. Say I love you:** One of the best ways to protect and aid your partner is to show them unconditional love. No matter what happens or what battles you face, face them together...and say I love you every day.

**How are you there for the people you love? Share your trials and teamwork below!**

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# Giuliana and Bill Rancic Support Each Other Through Surrogate Miscarriage



By Shannon Seibert

In devastating news, *E!* stars Bill and Giuliana Rancic face a surrogate miscarriage. The couple has been struggling to have another child, who would be a sibling to their son Duke, born by surrogate in August of 2012. The Rancics have a loving, supportive relationship with their surrogate, Delphine, who had an unexpected miscarriage at about nine weeks along. Giuliana herself had undergone a miscarriage years before, which only aided the heartbreak of the circumstances, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com).

## How do you support your partner through pregnancy troubles?

### Cupid's Advice:

**1. Don't ask questions you already know the answer to:** Questions such as "Are you okay?" may seem supportive, but in reality are just plain aggravating. Asking is just trivial, especially when the circumstances are clearly not okay. Listening goes hand in hand with this idea, meaning that you have to look for the meaning underneath the words and tune into what they may not be saying. Something as simple as holding your love's hand at the right moment can make all of the difference.

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**2. Support with more than just words:** Saying you'll be there for your partner, and actually being there for your partner are two different animals. Being at doctors appointments, making crazy food runs, and supplying the foot rubs will go miles beyond any words you speak. What people forget is pregnancy does involve two parties, although only one of them carries the child. Pregnancy still takes an emotional toll on both partners, which is why it takes a strong partnership to maintain a foundation of support.

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**3. Therapy is not just for the crazies:** Point blank, we all need someone to talk to, and therapy is a great place to get an impartial third party opinion. Couples' therapy has proven beneficial over recent years, allowing a safe place for the couple to open up and talk about issues at home. Even if there is just an aura of stress going around, therapy is a great place to dive into the root of the problem, and fix it under a united front.

How have you gone about pregnancy struggles with your partner?  
Share with us in the comments below!

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## Bill Rancic Talks About Being a Dad: “Family Always Comes First”



By Maria Darbenzio

As if he's not busy enough, Bill Rancic, star of *Giuliana & Bill*, will be hosting an upcoming Food Network show premiering on Monday, April 7th at 9 pm EST/PST. *Kitchen Casino* will put



four chefs into a high-stakes game of chance that requires impressive skills to come out on top. Celebrity Baby Scoop talked with Rancic about fatherhood and how date nights and family vacations are an important part of his relationship with his wife and son.

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**CBS: You and Giuliana have busy careers. How do you make family a priority? What kinds of things do you enjoy doing as a family?**

**BR:** "Family always comes first for Giuliana and myself, and we make sure to constantly work our schedules to ensure that never changes. We are constantly going on hikes and spending time with Duke. We make a point to have date nights, and we believe that, because of our hard work, we are fortunate enough to enjoy family vacations and that quality time together."

**CBS: Mother's Day is approaching. How do you plan to celebrate?**

**BR:** "Moms are so important in my life. My mom continues to be a huge influence, as does Giuliana's. And now that we have Duke, I love celebrating what a great mom my wife is to our son. I'm sure we'll do something to celebrate our family and how blessed we all are."

**CBS: How has being a parent changed your relationship with Giuliana?**

**BR:** "Giuliana and I have similar parenting styles on the big stuff, but lots of different opinions on the little stuff. It's made us even better communicators with one another, and we've learned to make compromises along the way. Giuliana is such a great mother, and her bond with Duke is one of my favorite things to watch every day."

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**CBS:** How has fatherhood changed you? What are some of your favorite memories so far as a dad?

BR: "I have nieces and nephews, but nothing really prepared me for being a dad myself. Because of Duke, I love the little things even more – a quiet moment, his smile, his first steps. Everything in life matters more because of him."

*For the rest of the interview, visit [www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2014/04/09/debuts-kitchen-casino/](http://www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2014/04/09/debuts-kitchen-casino/)*

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## **Celebrities Share Their 'Spook-tacular' Family Halloween Plans**





By Priyanka Singh

With Halloween just around the corner, many celebrity couples are getting ready to have some festive fun with their little ones! In fact, some celebrity parents are eagerly awaiting their tiny tots' first Halloween experiences. From finding the perfect family costumes to planning an exciting ghoulish outing, *Celebrity Baby Scoop* asked some of our favorite families about their plans for ringing in this spook-tacular holiday.

Read on to find out what a few celebrities are doing for Halloween!

*Giuliana and Bill* reality stars, Bill and Giuliana Rancic, recently celebrated their son Duke's first birthday, and now, they're excited to plan his first Halloween experience. "That's Giuliana. She is big into the holidays and things like that," says Bill regarding their Halloween festivities. "She is already planning out his Halloween costume, so stay tuned."

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Backstreet Boys star A.J. McLean will be home to celebrate Halloween with his 11-month-old daughter Ava and wife. The singer shares his potential family costume ideas: "We all call each other monkey, so we might be a family of monkeys. I also thought it would be cool if I was Mario, my wife was Princess Peach, and my daughter was Toad from the Mario Bros [laughs]. What I really want to do is be Jack, Sally, and Zero from the *Nightmare Before Christmas*. My wife is a hair stylist and a makeup artist, so she would hook us up perfectly."

*Dancing with the Stars* co-host Brooke Burke-Charvet and husband David Charvet look forward to all of the family fun that comes with decorating and picking costumes for their four kids: Neriah, 13, Sierra, 11, Rain, 6, and Shaya, 5. "We love Halloween – it is action packed with my brood of six," she shares. "We're in the process of decorating our house right now. Shaya wants to be a ninja; Rain wants to be a vampire; Neriah will be Minnie Mouse; and Sierra has a handmade Sponge Bob costume – and of course, it'll all probably change the day before."

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Actor and new dad Tom Arnold is another celebrity looking to ring in his son Jaxson's first Halloween. "It's funny, my wife was at baby class last night, and they apparently have Halloween," says the actor. "She pulled up all these costumes on the Internet and got ecstatic about dressing Jaxson up for Halloween."

"For many years, we tried to have a baby and would always get sad when trick-or-treaters stopped by our house. We wished we could be out there too," he adds. "This year is going to be so great. Even though our son is going to be very small and won't

remember it, it will be such a wonderful experience.”

For the rest of the interview go to, [www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2013/10/23/celebrity-families-halloween](http://www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2013/10/23/celebrity-families-halloween)

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[Celebrity Baby Scoop](http://www.celebritybabyscoop.com) recently interviewed *Giuliana and Bill* reality star, Bill Rancic, about life at home with wife Giuliana and son Duke, and the family's upcoming holiday

plans. The couple, who just celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary with a “low-key” night in NYC, are working with their surrogate Daphne to have another child. As Rancic explains, “We are still working with her on that and are making sure that that’s the right direction to keep going. Hopefully, we will have some good news soon.”

Read on for more of the Chicago businessman’s interview!

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**CBS: How do you juggle fatherhood, working in Chicago, running a production company and doing your reality show?**

**BR:** “We bring Duke with us. He comes to work with me and he also comes on my training runs with me. I’ve got this great jogging stroller and he loves going out there and logging the miles with me. We make it work and, at the end of the day, our son is our number one priority. Everything else comes after him and we make sure that he is taken care of and happy. Our goal is to spend as much time with him as we can and that’s what we do. We slowed down a lot in other areas.”

**CBS: Now that Duke is 1 – has he reached any milestones?**

**BR:** “He is babbling a lot and starting to walk a little bit. He hangs onto things while walking. His personality is definitely showing through, which is great. He’s got a great disposition and is always laughing and smiling. He loves hanging out with me, which is a lot of fun.”

**CBS: Congrats on your 6th year wedding anniversary – did you and Giuliana do anything special on the date?**

**BR:** “We went to a restaurant in New York that is owned by a friend of ours. We had a nice time. It was a very low-key, easy night and we went to bed early.”

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**CBS:** Do you have any fun Halloween plans for Duke this year?

**BR:** “That’s Giuliana. She is big into the holidays and things like that. She is already planning out his Halloween costume, so stay tuned!” [laughs]

*For the rest of the interview, visit [www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2013/10/10/rancic-opens-babbling-1](http://www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2013/10/10/rancic-opens-babbling-1).*

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**‘Ready for Love’ Host Giuliana Rancic Says, “Having a Strong Marriage is the Greatest Example You Can Set for Your Child”**





By [Whitney Baker Johnson](#)

Giuliana and Bill Rancic have a relationship that many of us admire, so it only makes sense that the couple was tapped to host NBC's upcoming dating competition show *Ready for Love*. They've opened up their personal life to fans on their own reality show *Giuliana and Bill* on the Style Network, and now, they'll be taking on a new role in front of the camera. "We absolutely love working together," Giuliana says of the experience. "We banter back and forth quite a bit, but it's all in fun."

She adds that deciding to host the show was a no brainer. "We're always traveling and working apart, so it was the perfect opportunity for us to not only be a part of such a great show with amazing people but to spend some time together while doing it."

The premise of *Ready for Love* is different than other dating shows. The three bachelors – Ben Patton, Tim Lopez and Ernesto Arguello – were each paired with twelve ladies by three matchmakers, Amber Kelleher-Andrews, Tracy McMillan and Matt



Hussey. Giuliana knows firsthand that *Ready for Love* is the real deal. “By using relationship experts, the compatibility between the bachelors and each girl is really tested,” she explains. “This is, by far, the most realistic dating reality show I’ve ever seen.”

So did the Rancic’s share any of their wisdom and experiences as a madly-in-love couple with the single men? “Well, the matchmakers are experts, and they don’t necessarily need help from us, but we did throw in little pieces of advice to the guys here and there. You’ll have to tune in to find out!”

That’s not to say that the couple didn’t get to know the bachelors both on and off the set – Ben and Ernesto even came to their baby shower! “We really bonded with each of them and truly rooted for them while they searched for love,” the host says. “They are all such great guys.”

If the men had asked for their advice, the twosome believes that communication is most important for a successful relationship. When they’re in different cities for work, they’re “always checking in and trying to put each other first – that’s what keeps us strong.”

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Of course, they have a new member of the family who they have to make a priority too: their seven-month-old son, Edward Duke. Even so, becoming parents hasn’t changed their relationship. “If anything, it’s just brought us closer. We’re both so happy and grateful.”

“Baby Duke is so adorable, and we’re loving every minute of parenthood” the first-time mom adds. “Every ‘first’ he has is the greatest moment in the world.”

For new parents who are struggling to fit romance into their lives, the television personalities say spending one-on-one time together is a must. “It’s so important to stay connected

to your spouse as a new parent,” Giuliana shares. “Having a strong marriage is the greatest example you can set for your child.”

*Be sure to check back next Monday, April 8 for our interview with Ben Patton and Tuesday, April 9 with Matthew Hussey! Catch the premiere of Ready for Love on Tuesday, April 9th at 9/8c on NBC. For more information about Giuliana, you can follow her on [Twitter](#) and watch her on E! News.*

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## Ready for Love: Three Extraordinary Men



By Sammi-T for TVGrapevine.com

36 WOMEN WILL COMPETE TO FIND TRUE LOVE ON THE NEW NBC RELATIONSHIP SERIES 'READY FOR LOVE,' PREMIERING APRIL 9 AT 9/8c.

NBC announced today that its new relationship show *Ready for Love* has revealed the 36 women who will have the opportunity to compete for true love. The women have a chance to find romance with three successful and handsome men, hand-selected by executive producer Eva Longoria (*Desperate Housewives*). The series, from Longoria's UnbeliEVAble Entertainment, Renegade 83 and Universal Television, focuses on three extraordinary men – Ben Patton, an international financier from Dallas, Texas; Tim Lopez, a member of the popular music group Plain White T's from Austin, Texas; and Ernesto Arguello, an entrepreneur with a social vision from Miami, Florida – who are committed to finding their soul mate.

Giuliana and Bill Rancic will host the series, where preeminent matchmaker Amber Kelleher-Andrews, relationship author Tracy McMillan and professional dating coach Matthew Hussey will help the men find their perfect matches.

Listed below are the women vying for the men's affections.

#### **BEN'S MATCHES:**

ALLIE WAGNER (Age: 26) – Resides in Cincinnati, Ohio – Wagner can brighten up any room with her smile. She is the opposite of shy; she loves the spotlight; and she and her twin sister, Mandy, grew up in Kentucky competing in numerous beauty pageants. She currently works as an event coordinator. Wagner thinks her love of family makes her the perfect match for family-oriented Ben.

ANGELA ZATOPEK (Age: 24) – Resides in Houston, Texas – Zatopek is a sassy, savvy communications executive. Zatopek devotes a

lot of her time to philanthropy and even helped build a school in Uganda. She values her faith and therefore has made the decision to save herself for marriage. Zatopek believes her Christian upbringing has shaped her attitudes towards love and marriage and believes it will make her a perfect match for Ben.

BETH RICHMAN (Age: 30) – Resides in Charlotte, North Carolina – Richman studied business management and human resources at Ohio State and now works for a medical device company in Charlotte. She loves to travel and believes Ben is the perfect mate with whom to tackle new adventures.

JADE DHIR (Age: 24) – Resides in Austin, Texas – Dhir is an independent and outgoing woman who is dedicated to spending a lot of time with her family. She considers herself to be very driven and believes her over-achieving nature will make her a great match for career-oriented Ben.

KARI KRAKOWSKI (Age: 27) – Resides in Dallas, Texas – Krakowski thinks that Patton is the perfect man for her. They met when she first moved to Dallas and soon began dating. Due to their busy schedules, they ended it and decided it would be best to remain friends. She is now ready to take a leap of faith and fight for true love. Krakowski thinks her previous personal connection with Ben will reignite their flame.

KATIE COYLE (Age: 34) – Resides in Pella, Iowa – Coyle is a mother to two wonderful children. She lives by the philosophy that life is too short not to be happy. In 2011, she had a health scare in which she made a full recovery but decided to never again take life for granted. In her spare time, she enjoys running, Pilates, yoga and boxing. Coyle thinks her energetic lifestyle makes her the perfect match for Ben.

KRISTINA ZAPATA (Age: 26) – Resides in Los Angeles – Zapata is dedicated to her family and her education. She studied broadcast journalism at the Universidad Catolica de Colombia

to work towards her dream of becoming a Spanish news broadcaster. Zapata is very dedicated to her career but also makes sure she has plenty of time to relax. She thinks her balance of career and free time are a perfect match for Ben's life plans.

LYNSEE GONZALES (Age: 26) – Resides in Portland, Oregon – Gonzales is a small-town girl that turned her dreams of becoming an international model into a reality. She has traveled around the world to pursue her career, modeling for print publications and working the runway. She recently ended her relationship with her adulterous fiancé and is looking forward to a fresh start. Gonzales thinks it is time to focus on love and be the wife of Ben's dreams.

RACHEL BRIESE (Age: 26) – Resides in Schaumburg, Illinois – Briese is a fun-loving girl with a quirky personality. She is a self-proclaimed video-game junkie who is also obsessed with sci-fi movies and *Star Wars*. Briese loves being different and won't change her seemingly nerdy ways for anyone. She believes that if she stays true to herself, then a genuine, great guy like Ben will love her for who she is.

RENAE VIRATA (Age: 31) – Resides in Houston, Texas – Virata is a go-getter. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Vanderbilt, she worked as a marketing consultant. Virata then took a risk and chose to quit her high-paying job to begin her own Internet start-up company. Virata believes her enthusiastic lifestyle would be the perfect match because she emulates Ben's ambitious work ethic.

SENECA BERNIARD (Age: 34) – Resides in Los Angeles – Bernard is a woman that uses her intellect to be a positive contribution to the world. She studied law at Loyola Law School and obtained her Masters in Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management. She currently works as a public defender. Bernard believes her level of success will make her a great half to a power couple with Ben.

TARYNN FRANCO (Age: 26) – Resides in San Francisco – Franco has a love for traveling, learning about different cultures and trying new things. Her appetite for adventure and exploration has led her to a career in the private aviation industry. Franco appreciates a night on the town with her best friends, but currently longs for a man that gives her a good reason to stay home. She believes her desire for adventure will be a perfect match for Ben's love of travel.

#### **TIM'S MATCHES:**

ALEXIS RODRIGUEZ (Age: 23) – Resides in Scottsdale, Arizona – Rodriguez is a recent college graduate. She currently enjoys her time working as a local radio personality in Arizona but can't wait to start her career. Rodriguez believes that her fun nature and closeness with her family is the perfect match for Tim, who shares similar family values.

CHRISTINA RIGAUD (Age: 25) – Resides in New Orleans, Louisiana – Rigaud is a classically trained pianist who graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in English. The avid cook and gardener started a non-profit organization helping others learn how to raise fish and grow vegetables in a sustainable environment. She is looking for a man that is as passionate about life as she is. Rigaud believes she and Tim will bond through their shared music backgrounds.

DANIELLE DUFF (Age: 27) – Resides in Tucson, Arizona – Duff is a committed and loyal woman. After being married for nine-and-a-half years, Duff and her ex-husband realized they were not meant for each other and divorced. She believes that her overall readiness for love and experiencing the same loss as Tim makes their duo a perfect match.

HAILEY CLARK (Age: 31) – Resides in Indialantic, Florida – Clark is an elementary school art teacher by day and an expressionist painter by night. In fact, her paintings have been featured in several local art shows. Clark believes that

her compassion for others and quirky sense of humor will be a perfect match for Tim's open personality.

JENNA REEVES (Age: 23) – Resides in Austin, Texas – Reeves is young but wise beyond her years. Unlike most of her peers, Reeves is ready to settle down and find her husband right away. She loves her life and prides herself on her determination in becoming the first in her family to finish college. Reeves believes her open-minded and free-spirited personality reflects Tim's same attitude towards life.

LANA SEARS (Age: 26) – Resides in Kansas City, Missouri – Sears is the girl next-door that most guys want to take home to introduce to their parents. The self-described tomboy grew up in a small farm town, has never had a problem dating and usually finds herself in a serious relationship. Although fond of committed relationships, Sears is very independent and likes for her partner to be the same. She believes that her independent mindset would be a perfect match with Tim's rock-star lifestyle.

LEAH TROGAN (Age: 27) – Resides in Austin, Texas – Trogan is a close friend of Tim. She is a makeup artist, but her biggest accomplishment is raising her son, Ryder, as a single mother. Trogan has known Tim for seven years and is looking forward to finally sharing her true feelings for him. She thinks that friendship makes for the best relationships.

LISA CONLON (Age: 32) – Resides in Vernon, Connecticut – Conlon has her hands full with her music career and is studying to receive her doctorate in music. She insists that music keeps her balanced in a relationship. When her mother was diagnosed with cancer, Conlon transferred schools to act as her mother's caretaker. Conlon believes that her dedication to both music and her loved ones would make her a perfect match for Tim.

SARA LAVAGNINO (Age: 30) – Resides in Franklin, Tennessee –

Lavagnino is characterized as a strong and determined woman. She and her identical twin sister are very close and have a singing group called the Lava Girls, but she also works as a licensed real estate agent. She has faced adversity with the loss of her fiancé to cancer but credits that experience to making her a good partner and continues to search for love. Lavagnino believes both she and Tim are ready to find love again after persevering through painful loss.

SARA MOORE (Age: 28) – Resides in Charlotte, North Carolina – Moore is a self-described “girly girl.” She is currently working on obtaining a Master’s degree in teaching. She is a laid-back Southern belle who loves to laugh, watch sports and believes Sundays should be devoted to God and football. Moore believes her Southern roots will wrangle in the Texas part of Tim’s personality.

SIHAM BENGOUA (Age: 25) – Resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – Bengoua is a self-sufficient woman who created her own hair-care business to finance her studies at Temple University, where she studied marketing. A few years ago, she lost her sister, and although she describes it as the worst time of her life, she knows it made her stronger. Bengoua believes that her dedication to loved ones will make her the perfect wife for Tim.

TAONAYA FLEURY (Age: 31) – Resides in Miramar, Florida – Fleury wants to make a difference in this world and is looking to earn a Master’s degree in marriage and family counseling. In addition, Fleury and her cousin are looking to start a charity for sickle cell disease. Fleury believes that her deep-rooted understanding of commitment reflects Tim’s belief that love is eternal.

#### **ERNESTO’S MATCHES:**

ALBA REYES (Age: 30) – Resides in Houston, Texas – The perfect combination of beauty and brains, Reyes has it all. She



graduated from law school, and currently works in health law while she postpones taking the bar. In addition, Reyes was crowned Miss Puerto Rico in 2004 and the second runner-up for Miss Universe. Reyes believes she is more ready than ever to find true love and felt a spark when she saw Ernesto's video.

ELIZABETH CAPELA (Age: 30) – Resides in Dallas, Texas – Capela is dependable, honest, and an overall giving person. As a fifth-grade English teacher, Capela thrives on putting her heart into her lessons and helping her pupils grow. Her role in helping educate the youth will mesh nicely with Ernesto's charitable role in helping the less fortunate.

ERICA LARSON (Age: 25) – Resides in Addison, Texas – Larson is a recent graduate of Texas State University with a degree in fashion merchandising and currently works in the fashion industry. She enjoys dancing, cheerleading, swimming, reading and traveling. After watching her parents happily married for 38 years, she believes in true love and is ready for someone who will love her unconditionally. Larson believes Ernesto's similar upbringing will make for a long-lasting relationship.

KATIE CROSBY (Age: 26) – Resides in Chicago, Illinois – Crosby has lived with a "live life to the fullest" attitude since the tragic passing of her brother. While she misses him dearly, her relationship with her family has remained strong. Crosby has spent the past few years focusing solely on work, but now wants to put her attention on love. Ernesto's giving nature left her inspired and she would love to partner in his philanthropic endeavors.

KRISTEN SIKORSKI (Age: 25) – Resides in Austin, Texas – Sikorski is a no-nonsense Texas woman who was raised on a ranch by her father and mother. Although she is an elementary school teacher, she majored in history and enjoys war movies and military facts. Sikorski was wowed when she saw Ernesto's video and knows she is ready to take on the full-time role as wife for a family man such as Ernesto.

LISA MARIE HALL (Age: 30) – Resides in Covina, California – Hall's friends describe her as funny, sweet and giving. While working as a children's theme park performer in America and Japan for the past 10 years, she prides herself on making others happy. In her free time she likes to stay active by dancing, skating and biking. Hall is looking for a man that can keep up with her on new adventures, and she believes Ernesto is that guy.

MANDY WAGNER (Age: 26) – Resides in Studio City, California – Wagner is the State Director of Pure American Girl Pageants that aims at making its participants humble and genuine, as well as competitive. Wagner's twin sister, Allie, is also a participant on the show and their parents are excited for them to find the right guy. Wagner believes her down-to-earth family and genuine nature makes her and Ernesto the perfect match.

OLIVIA MATTI (Age: 26) – Resides in Sterling Heights, Michigan – Matti is energetic, fearless, and fierce. She claims that her tough love attitude gives her a charm that other women lack. Matti needs someone that can match her energy and give her the passionate relationship that she desires. Matti, like Ernesto, has never been in love and believes they'll bond over waiting to share those special three words with the right person.

SHANDI FINNESSEY (Age: 33) – Resides in Los Angeles – Finnessey is a driven woman, who isn't afraid to break boundaries. In fact, she became the first woman from Missouri to win the Miss USA title in 2004. She's currently a TV host on an entertainment Web series and has modeled in numerous magazines. Finnessey values family and religion and she believes Ernesto's similar upbringing will make them the perfect match.

SONIA LETTIG (Age: 29) – Resides in Los Angeles – Lettig graduated magna cum laude from Villanova and then went to

receive her Master's degree from Pepperdine University. She has a background in human resources and professional development. Sonia is currently a business development director for an online fundraising company that raises money for charity, which allows fulfilling her passion of organizing community service events and giving back. Lettig thinks her charitable nature makes her a great match for Ernesto since he's always giving back to his community.

SUMMER BURNS (Age: 31) – Resides in Austin, Texas – Already a loving mother to a three-year-old son, Burns is ready to complete her family portrait with a husband. As a single mother, she has developed the perfect combination of strength and compassion. She would like her son to have a father figure and, based on his video, she believes Ernesto is the right fit for her family.

VICTORIA MORA (Age: 24) – Resides in Chicago, Illinois – Mora has a free-spirit attitude, but is grounded and humbled by her tight-knit Mexican family. She wants to be with a man that is confident and willing to take on anything by her side. According to Mora, love is a two-way street and she will be the most loving and supportive partner as long as she receives the same respect. Mora believes Ernesto's confidence is the perfect match for her challenging nature.

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Longoria created UnbeliEVABLE Entertainment, her own production company, which develops films, and television shows, that have been sold to NBC, ABC, CW, ABC Family, and VH1. Additionally, UnbeliEVABLE Entertainment produces The NCLR Alma Awards on NBC.

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# Giuliana Rancic Faces End of Maternity Leave: “It’s Hard”



By Jenny Schafer for Celebrity Baby Scoop

After three months of a blissful maternity leave with her newborn son **Duke**, E! News host Giuliana Rancic is returning to work.

“I could give you the Hollywood answer and just say it’s been great going back to work,” she tells [Life & Style](#). “But the real answer is, it’s hard. What’s important now is different from what was important a few months ago.”

*“The other morning, I was having the best time with Duke, and*

*he was making faces that I had never seen before, and he was being so cute. Then I looked at the clock and I had to go to work," the new mom, 37, adds. "So I keep thinking, am I going to miss something?"*

To help calm her nerves, doting hubby **Bill Rancic** regularly sends smartphone videos of their son throughout the day. "It's one thing to look at pictures," she says. "But when I see video, I feel like I'm with him."

Bill, 41, says he's never seen this side of Giuliana before. "It's remarkable to see how the baby has changed her," he shares. "Just the devotion the little guy evoked and the motherly instincts that kicked in."

But the self-professed workaholic says she'll work hard at balancing work and family life.

*"I'll make it work," she says. "I'm going to make sure I don't sacrifice anything."*

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## **Giuliana Rancic Says Son is a Mini Version of Husband Bill**





By Jennifer Ross

In an episode of [\*STYLE's Giuliana & Bill\*](#) that was filmed just before baby Rancic was born, Giuliana and Bill Rancic discuss naming their first born and his possible traits. Giuliana, 37, was keen on naming their son William, after her very own husband. Bill, 41, wasn't too thrilled with the idea, "I've never been a fan of the 'junior.' I want to give him his own identity." As names like Luke and Zack are weighed upon, the couple considers naming their son after their own fathers. Giuliana explains, "Your dad is Edward and mine's Eduardo. We could name him Edward." The conversation then continues on to what Giuliana most looks forward to when finally meeting baby Rancic – his personal traits. "I want to look at him and see you. I want him to be a 'mini Bill.' Honestly, I want him to be just like you."

**How do you work as a couple to instill values in your children?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone wants their children to grow up becoming successful adults with great values. Yet, no child has ever come with a manual to accomplish this. Fortunately for parents, you won't have to figure it all out on your own. Here are a few key steps to start you on the process of instilling values:

**1. Action:** Instilling values into children must start with you and your partner showing by examples. From the day they are born, their little eyes are watching your every move. So remember to be compassionate, courageous, honest, reliable or whatever it is you want them to be.

**2. Practice daily:** Since we, as adults, cannot be perfect all the time, it is safe to say your children won't be either. Therefore, use those moments of mistakes in each of you to kindly practice the right way to do things. Also, you and your partner can practice supporting each other in the learning process as another example of good values.

**3. Praise:** Praise or celebrate the times when your children show trustworthiness or sympathy or love. If someone outside the family witnesses the children showing great behavior, make them aware that others are watching and how proud you feel. They will feel the pride too.

**How did you and your partner work together to instill values in your children? Tell us below.**

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**Giuliana Rancic: I Want Duke To Be A Mini-Bill**



By Kirsten Mirtich for Celebrity Baby Scoop

When it came to choosing a name for her first born son **Edward Duke**, mama and reality television star [Giuliana Rancic](#) wanted to name him after his proud papa **Bill Rancic**. However, her hubby wasn't as keen on the idea as she was.

"I've never been a fan of the 'junior.' I want to give him his own identity," the 41-year-old father reasons in a clip from the November 13th episode of *Giuliana & Bill* – which was filmed just prior to Duke's August 2012 arrival. "If he wants to name his son after me, then I've earned it."

Although the couple considered names such as Luke and Zach, they ended up agreeing on a name that paid tribute to their own fathers.

"Our fathers are great men – your dad is Edward and mine's



Eduardo. We could name him Edward,” Giuliana comments in the preview clip as the couple finally settle on what to name their son.

Since his arrival, the couple have taken to calling him Duke – his middle name – which they chose because it means leader.

After they decide on the name, Giuliana reveals that she most looks forward to having a constant reminder of the greatest man in her life – her hubby of five years.

“I want to look at him and see you. I want him to be a ‘mini Bill,’” she says on Tuesday’s *Giuliana & Bill*. “Honestly, I want him to be just like you.”

“He’ll be better!” replies Bill.

*Giuliana & Bill* airs Tuesday at 8 p.m. (EST) on STYLE.

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## Giuliana Rancic: “Everything Feels Complete Now”





After a long road to parenthood, Bill and Giuliana Rancic are “loving every minute” with their 5-week-old son Duke. The proud new parents have teamed up with CBR (Cord Blood Registry) and “Healthy Futures” to talk about the importance of saving cord blood stem cells.

Giuliana opens up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about “savoring” moments with her “dream baby,” fighting over midnight feeds with Bill, and “enjoying being on maternity leave and spending as much time with Duke” before her return to work in November.

**CBS: Congratulations on the arrival of baby Duke! What kind of baby is he? Are you getting any sleep?**

GR: Thank you! We are thrilled to have Duke in our lives and could not be happier parents. Life with Duke is great – he has been a dream baby! We are getting some sleep but we’re also waking up every few hours to feed him and change him... Bill and I sometimes fight over who is going to get up with him because we both want to savor every single moment with Duke.

**Related Link:** [Giuliana and Bill Rancic Welcome Baby Boy.](#)

**CBS: Tell us about teaming up with CBR® (Cord Blood Registry®) and “Healthy Futures,” to educate expectant parents about the value of cord blood stem cells.**

GR: We went through a lot of health struggles before finally being able to announce we were pregnant. Infertility, a miscarriage, and then a breast cancer diagnosis – it was quite a journey. Because it was hard for us to get Duke into this world, we wanted to make sure we did everything we could as parents to make sure he had the best life possible, and that included banking his umbilical cord blood with CBR (Cord Blood Registry). When preparing for a new baby, every parent always makes a list of things they need to do before the baby comes. Cord blood banking should definitely be one of those ‘checklist’ items. Cord blood is full of millions of stem cells that could change or even save a child’s life one day.

**Related Link:** [How Raising a Child Can Bring you Closer Together as a Couple.](#)

**CBS: We saw that you’ve already returned to work (at the recent Emmy Awards). Was it hard to leave baby Duke?**

GR: I did return to work for *E!’s Live From The Red Carpet* for the 64th Emmy Awards. It was incredibly difficult to leave Duke and I can empathize with working moms. The night before I left, I was actually sobbing into Bill’s arms because I didn’t want to leave him... As Duke gets older, Bill and I are going to make it a priority to find a balance between work and our family.

**CBS: It sounds like your experience with a gestational carrier was very positive. Are you planning to hire another surrogate in the near future? Or maybe you’ll try for your own pregnancy? Or adoption?**

GR: We had an amazing gestational carrier that we cannot thank enough for all that she has done for our family. As for the future, we are not ruling anything out, but for now we are

focusing on enjoying Duke and savoring all of these new moments with him.

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## Giuliana and Bill Rancic Welcome a Baby Boy



By Nicole Weintraub

Edward Duke Rancic was welcomed into the world on Wednesday by parents Bill and Giuliana Rancic, according to [People](#). This is the first child for the couple who have had difficulties with infertility. Following a miscarriage and breast cancer, Guiliana was able to announce her pregnancy via gestational

surrogate and shared the baby's sex this past June. The newest addition to the Rancic family weighed in at 7 lbs, 4 oz. The couple is ecstatic to be gifted with a little one.

**What are some ways having a child can bring you closer as a couple?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Deciding to have a child is a decision that should be made when both partners feel they are ready. Although children are a large responsibility, it can bring you and your partner closer together:

**1. Working together:** The responsibility of raising your child rests on both you and your partner. Decisions and choices must be made together which means communication is key. Working together as a team is a vital element in having children. When a couple is blessed with a child, they have another commonality in their lives and the relationship with your child's other parent is an important one. Making decisions together will also bring you closer as a couple.

**2. Adding to the family:** One of the most rewarding things you can do with a person is start a family with them. Feelings continue to grow since you have shared this experience with your partner. The two of you will be sharing new experiences and memories that neither of you have had before, especially if this is your first child. Sharing these new feelings and experiences with one another will further to develop your feelings for each other.

**3. Leaning on one another:** You cannot do this alone and that is what your partner is there for. There will be wonderful days and there will be rough days. They are there to support you and to hold your hand through not only the good days, but the bad days as well. Knowing that you have someone to lean on and supporting you will help to push you through the difficult

days. Through working together and supporting one another on the difficult days, your relationship will grow stronger.

How has having a child brought you closer to your partner? Share your thoughts below.

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## Giuliana and Bill Rancic Prepare to Welcome the Birth of Their Child



By Deanna Atkins

Finally, after years of trying to have a child, Giuliana and

Bill Rancic's baby boy is about to enter the world, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The tenacious couple has been through it all, but they never gave up on their dream to have a child together. Their surrogate is currently residing in Colorado where the pair traveled to on Monday to be there for the birth. During all of the excitement, Bill has been happy-tweeting and sending out positivity all around him. "Everyone is pumped," says the 41-year-old entrepreneur, "Not just our family but so many people. We're so lucky. So many people have been pulling for us and following our journey. This has all been magical for us," the father-to-be gushes. He also says that his stunning wife is "over the moon."

**What are some ways to prepare your relationship for a baby?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

The first thing to be sure of when you and your partner are having a child is that you're ready. You should be at the happiest and strongest point in your relationship in order to give this new life everything you both have.

**1. Prepare together:** Things can easily get frustrating if one partner is putting more care and concern into the baby on the way than the other. You both should be reading the baby books, helping one another out and getting the nursery ready together. It's an exciting time for each of you so take a trip to Babies R' Us together instead of going out on solo missions.

**2. You know each other inside and out:** With a baby on the way it's important to know every detail about one another. Know what makes your partner tick and what always proves to get your love out of a bad mood. These small details about one another will help you both resolve issues quicker or at best, keep fights from happening at all.

**3. Trust:** Having complete trust in your partner is what's

going to help you both the most when it's time for the baby to come. You are one another's support system and if you each have total and complete faith in one another then you know that you're going to give this child the most amazing life together.

**What are some ways to make sure your relationship is ready for your baby?**

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## **Bill and Giuliana Rancic 'Honeymoon' in Colorado**



Style Network stars Bill and Giuliana Rancic are anticipating



the birth of their son. The couple, who are expecting a child via surrogate, will be “honeymooning” in Colorado in August “just in case he decides to come early,” according to [People](#). Their surrogate mother, a French au pair, lives in Denver, where the pair will be staying until their son is born.

**What are some ways to prepare for a child you’re having via surrogate?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Preparing for the birth of your child is stressful no matter how they’re born. Here are some ways to prepare yourself for having a child via surrogate:

- 1. Get to know your surrogate:** Having a good relationship with the woman who is carrying your child is important. If you and your honey are close with your surrogate, they’ll respect you and your child more, and be more motivated to take care of themselves and the baby.
- 2. Prepare each other:** You and your partner have a stressful job heading your way. You’ve escaped the pressures of pregnancy, but parenthood is even more stressful. Make sure you’re both ready by learning as much as you can.
- 3. Relax:** There’s no point in stressing yourself out. Create a welcoming environment for your child, and help your surrogate relax at the end of her pregnancy.

**What are some ways to prepare for a child you’re having via surrogate? Let us know below.**

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# Giuliana and Bill Rancic Surprise Guests with a Baby Shower Surprise



This weekend, Style Network stars, spouses and parents-to-be Giuliana and Bill Rancic hosted a baby shower—appropriately on Father’s Day. After months of trying to conceive, the couple is finally expecting their first child via a surrogate mother. They surprised their friends and family by revealing the sex of their baby by releasing blue balloons from a box, according to [Celebuzz](#).

**What are some ways to reveal the sex of your baby to friends and family?**

**Cupid's Advice:** Having a baby is an exciting moment for you and your partner, as well as for your other loved ones. Revealing the baby's sex can be just as thrilling as revealing that you're having a baby in the first place. Here are some tips to share that surprise with your friends and family:

**1. Send the sonogram:** There's no better way to share the joy of revealing your child's gender than by letting everyone see for themselves. Send out a copy of the sonogram with a message saying "It's a boy!" or "It's a girl!" and your loved ones can have a memento of this incredibly special time.

**2. Throw an "unrelated" color party:** Throw a dinner party that seems to be themeless, but cater it to the sex of your baby through your outfits, decorations and refreshments. You and your significant other can be decked out in pink or blue while everyone else wears white. At the end of the night, tell everyone what the real theme is!

**3. Make it a competition:** Invite your friends and family over for a little competition. Have them cast votes as to the gender, then present a cake frosted in neutral colors. When you and your honey cut into it, the pink or blue cake inside will tell everyone what you're having!

**What are some of the best gender-reveals you've seen from new parents? Let us know in the comments below.**

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**Giuliana and Bill Rancic to  
Witness Surrogate Giving**

# Birth



Television couple, Giuliana and Bill Rancic, truly have something to celebrate. After years of struggling to conceive and a terrifying fright with breast cancer last year, the couple will welcome a new child into the world via a surrogate. "We are so blessed! This truly is a miracle baby," said Giuliana Rancic to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The couple, who have been married since 2007, said that they will absolutely witness the birth and claim that this has been the happiest moment of their lives.

**What are the advantages to welcoming a child via a surrogate?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

One of the many wonders of modern technology has been the surrogate birth. Since so many stars rely on their bodies to

make a living, it's becoming more and more common in Hollywood. Here are some advantages:

**1. Less stress on your body:** Welcoming a baby into the world is always stressful. However, when you aren't actually the one carrying the child and giving birth, you won't have to worry about losing the baby weight or missing work.

**2. Experiencing the gift of life:** Women who aren't physically capable of having children of their own can now do so thanks to the miracle of surrogate pregnancy.

**3. Being happy parents:** Families come in all shapes and forms. They also begin in many different ways, each of which is beautiful in its own way.

**Are there disadvantages to having a baby via a surrogate? Share your comments below.**

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## **Giuliana and Bill Rancic Are Expecting a Child**





E! News cohost, Giuliana Rancic, 37, and hubby, Bill Rancic, 40, are expecting their first child. After struggling with infertility, miscarriage, and cancer the couple are using a surrogate mother. According to [People](#), the little bundle of joy is due in late summer and the Rancis are keeping the baby's gender a secret. Congratulations, Giuliana and Bill!

### **Cupid's Advice:**

#### **How do you bond with your baby if you didn't carry him/her?**

Carrying a baby for nine months is a bonding experience that many mothers who use a gestational carrier miss out on. Check out some alternative ways to bond with your newborn:

- 1. The power of touch:** After bath time, gently massage your new addition with baby oil. You can even look up some baby and parent massage classes that are dedicated to bonding.
- 2. Tummy time:** Tummy time is important for your little one's muscle strength and it's a great way for you to have face-to-face contact with your newborn.

**3. Swaddle:** Swaddling reminds your baby of his/her time spent in the womb. It is extremely calming and can be easily recreated with a blanket.

How have you bonded with your baby if you didn't carry him/her? Share your comments below.

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## Giuliana Rancic and Husband Continue IVF to Have Baby



Giuliana and Bill Rancic are not giving up! After two failed attempts, the couple have decided to give in-vitro fertilization another try. The E! News host and her husband

miscarried after their second try of IVF. Devastated, they decided to put aside starting a family for a short while and focus on themselves and their relationship. Currently in the middle of their third IVF treatment, the reality star couple are optimistic, despite Guilian's recent breast cancer setback. The two are not opposed to other options such as adoption or surrogacy, however they are desperate to get pregnant. The Italian beauty tells [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), "If [our doctor says] after this cycle, 'I don't think this is going to happen for you naturally. You're going to have to look at more options than we will.'"

**How do you decide if adoption is right for you and your partner?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Adoption is something that should be deeply discussed. It can be a long and stressful process for which some couples are not ready. Make sure you and your partner have considered it from all angles:

- 1. Consider the pros and cons:** Making a list of positives and negatives with your partner can help to solidify that adoption is right for you as a couple.
- 2. Others who have adopted:** It may be a huge help to get advice from someone you know who has actually been through the adoption process and have them tell you their story.
- 3. Discuss with family:** Family knows you best and can give good advice. It's probably best to discuss with only those to whom you're closest.

**How would you decide if adoption is right for you? Tell us your story below.**



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# Nivea Enlists Help of Rancic Couple to Host New Year's Eve



TV personalities Bill and Giuliana Rancic will be ringing in the new year on top of the Nivea Kiss platform in Times Square. The celebrity couple also helped Beiersdorf's Nivea beauty brand launch the "Kiss the One You Love Contest" on Facebook, which invites couples to share their love stories for a chance to win a trip to New York City to join the Rancics for Nivea's third annual celebration. This year, no lip will be left unattended, as Nivea will touch the lips of many people with "A Kiss of Smoothness."

**Should celebrities tie their images to a product?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Celebrities have been known to endorse many a product and all sorts of national and international causes. The question is, should they? Cupid has some thoughts:

**1. They support a cause:** If you're going to be famous, you might as well utilize your notoriety for a worthy cause. For instance, David Good is giving part of the proceeds from his recently released book to cancer research. Consider buying products which have been endorsed by celebrities for more than personal gain.

**2. They believe in products:** There are so many different products on the market today that it's sometimes impossible for us to know which brands to trust. Those in the public eye have the chance to support products in which they really put faith. If you respect a celebrity, the products they endorse might be just what you need.

**3. They want money:** Of course there are those in the limelight who are simply in it for the green stuff. Be careful about which celebrities you blindly follow.