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HFA Adds New Blood Brotherhood Sites

Washington, DC: The Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) is pleased to announce the addition of two new Blood Brotherhood sites, Hemophilia Foundation of Northern California (HFNC) and Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas (HFMD). Other states hosting local community support groups include Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, Arizona, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Oregon and Maryland.

“HFNC is very excited about the opportunity HFA has given us to develop a Blood Brotherhood program in Northern California. This funding will allow HFNC to reach out to our men living with hemophilia and offer them a program that truly supports them in meeting the challenges of their everyday life as husbands, fathers and brothers,” states Merlin Wedepohl, Executive Director of HFNC.

Blood Brotherhood, established in 2006, offers group interaction and health information in a safe environment for older men within the bleeding disorders community. The program is supported in part through a collaborative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In addition to the local site meetings, HFA leads the national effort by offering interested participants a secure on-line message board and educational webinars.

Jim Paist, Executive Director, Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas comments, “The HFMD is honored and excited to be selected as a new Blood Brotherhood site. We look forward to offering the broad range of Blood Brotherhood programs and services to the men in our community. Thank you, HFA, for bringing us in to the Blood Brotherhood!”

About Hemophilia Foundation of Northern California: A volunteer, non-profit organization serving the needs of people with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders.

About Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas: Dedicated to advancing the quality of life of individuals and families affected by hemophilia and other bleeding disorders by providing a broad range of services and programs.

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The Hemophilia Federation of America is a national 501(c) (3) organization consisting of 30 member organizations and numerous individual members who offer assistance and grassroots advocacy on behalf of the bleeding disorders community. Incorporated in 1994, the HFA provides programs and services to improve the quality of life for persons with hemophilia and von Willebrand disease (VWD).

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