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The HFA 2008 Annual Educational Symposium will be held May 1-4th, 2008 in Little Rock Arkansas. As the dynamic state capital of Arkansas, Little Rock offers exciting nightlife, a vibrant downtown convention and entertainment district, a wealth of unique sightseeing, day trip and tour opportunities, excellent restaurants, shopping and lodging choices, museums, and one-of-a-kind attractions like the new William J. Clinton Presidential Center, Clinton School for Public Service, Heifer International Headquarters & Heifer Ranch.

Famous as President Clinton's first capital city, the cradle of the civil rights movement, and the center of the beautiful Natural State – no city more represents a bridge from the treasured past to the exciting 21st century than Little Rock. The area along Markham Street is filled with restaurants, art galleries, shops and museums, and The River Market/Riverside Park. All are within walking distance of the Peabody or accessible by Trolley.

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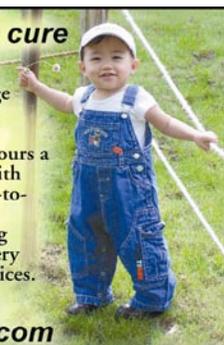
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HFA Annual Report

Since its inception in 1994, HFA has become a thriving national organization with a mission to assist and advocate for all persons with bleeding disorders. HFA has always believed that no individual or family should face the challenge of living with this chronic disorder alone. Many have marveled at HFA's ability to do its great works and accomplish so much with so few resources. Part of that lies in the HFA's ability to attract volunteers and staff who are passionate about the HFA Mission and Vision.

In 2007, the HFA continues its programs and services to assist community members who struggle with fundamental needs. The HFA Helping Hands Program provided financial assistance to 149 individuals and families in 35 states and by the end of the third quarter 2007, HFA processed 132 applications and provided over \$50,000 in community aid. The HFA also awarded \$15,000 in Educational Scholarships to community members who wish to further their post secondary education.

The HFA Focus on the Feminine Program volunteers exhibited at Women's shows and health fairs in major cities across the country providing educational materials, listings of local treatment resources and support groups available to women on a national and local level. The committee produces a quarterly Question & Answer column in Dateline Federation and offers monthly online chat forums. The HFA Dads in Action Program continues to offer support and networking to Dads as well as a financial incentive to member organizations to offer the program. To date, HFA has trained a total of 39 dads from 24 HFA Member Organizations with a resulting seven active Dads in Action Groups formed and functioning in their communities.

Validation of the success and work of HFA is demonstrated by the recent award of a CDC grant for the HFA Blood Brotherhood Program. HFA recognized a substantial need for an evidence-based program that will provide a safe environment in which older men with hemophilia can come together to share their experiences and knowledge about health and quality of life issues. The CDC grant award was recognition of HFA's goal to provide education and social support to these men in order to enhance their coping skills and improve their overall health. The program will be focused on men with hemophilia who are at least thirty years of age. Blood Brotherhood activities will occur via monthly information sessions hosted on an online chat room and through face-to-face social support sessions occurring through the HFA's Member Organizations.

The HFA New Families Program provides a network of support from the community as well as educational materials to new community members. HFA offers the youth of our community the HFA Teen Connection Program whereby young adults have an opportunity to connect with their peers, learn leadership, communication and life skills in a fun and supportive environment.

The HFA Annual Educational Symposium was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with over 600 in attendance and we look forward to our 2008 Annual Meeting and Symposium, May 1 – 4, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The HFA continues to provide timely and informative sessions on topics of advocacy, health and psychosocial issues affecting the community. HFA provides innovative and comprehensive children's programming for all ages.

HFA communicates to the community via Dateline Federation, our quarterly newsletter and our new enhanced website at www.hemophiliated.org. Through the HFA Legislative Action Center, community alerts are posted on the website and sent via email to participants encouraging them to take action on important legislative initiatives. The site also hosts current industry news and an announcement section. Important links to providers, hemophilia camps and educational scholarships are also available on the site.

The HFA gave thanks to one of the community's most tireless advocates and leaders, Jan Hamilton, Advocacy Director. Jan retired on October 31, 2007. HFA wishes her a great retirement and a well-deserved vacation after a banner year of advocacy efforts. The HFA focused its efforts on H.R. 1282, the Medigap Access Improvement Act, linked leaders of several national disability organizations and industry groups and led 3 Capitol Hill blitzes which were used to train new volunteers in grassroots advocacy. HFA also worked diligently in support of H.R. 493/S. 358 the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act (GINA) and SCHIP legislation.

HFA met with Assistant Secretary of Health, Dr. John Agwunobi, to support his encouragement of state Medicaid offices to utilize Medicare formularies to serve the Medicaid population and to support additional funding for Hemophilia Treatment Centers. HFA worked on critical state access issues in Alabama, California, Arkansas, Maryland and Virginia; attended BSAC meetings; and participated in FDA Alliance, Genetics Alliance and NORD. The HFA collaborated with other national advocacy groups in an effort to strengthen and unify our voices on issues that affect our community. The HFA Advocacy committee will carry on our grassroots advocacy efforts.

The HFA is committed to its mission of assisting and advocating and we thank you for your continued support.

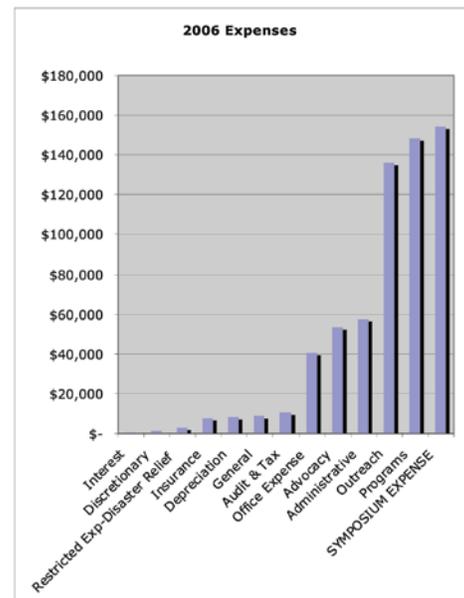
Sincerely,

Susan Swindle

HFA Executive Director

Carl Weixler

HFA President



HFA Educational Scholarships

The Hemophilia Federation of America is proud to offer ten educational scholarships to members of the bleeding disorders community. Applications can be downloaded from the HFA website at www.hemophiliated.org and must be postmarked by April 30, 2008. Previous scholarship recipients are encouraged to reapply.



To qualify, an applicant must have Hemophilia or von Willebrand (VWD) and must be seeking a post-secondary education from a college, university, or trade school. The applicant must also be able to demonstrate a commitment to improving quality of life by pursuing his/her goals with determination.

Scholarship winners will be notified by June 1, 2008. Awardees must submit a current photo and information on the school attending to the HFA by July 31, 2008. Scholarships will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Educational Scholarship - Applicant must be an individual with Hemophilia or VWD.
2. Parent Continuing Education - Applicant must be a parent of a child with Hemophilia or VWD.
3. Sibling Continuing Education - Applicant must be the sibling of an individual with Hemophilia or VWD.
4. Artistic Encouragement Grant - Applicant must be an individual with Hemophilia or VWD. The award can be used for mounting an exhibition of one's work, (i.e. Photography, painting /watercolor, animation, etc.) publishing a story/ book or animation, writing a play, having a recital or any kind of creative endeavor.

All decisions regarding the awarding of these scholarships are determined by the HFA Scholarship Committee and are final. HFA reserves the right to distribute scholarship funding at its discretion. Any information submitted with the application becomes the property of HFA. A personal interview may be required of Applicants. All recipients will be notified of Scholarship Committee decisions by mail and will be required to submit proof of registration if selected.

HFA encourages interested applicants to take advantage of this valuable opportunity. A comprehensive listing of scholarships available to the bleeding disorders community is available at www.hemophiliated.org



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CDC Awards HFA Funding to Impact the Health of Adult Men with Bleeding Disorders

The Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA), a national nonprofit headquartered in Lafayette Louisiana, has been awarded a \$265,000 grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This grant, totaling \$530,000 over two years, will fund programs aimed at providing social support and the provision of information and skills to improve the health of older men with hemophilia. HFA, in keeping with its mission of advocating and assisting the bleeding disorders community, will utilize this CDC grant to launch its HFA Blood Brotherhood Program.

During the past few decades, advances in treatment have extended the life of persons with hemophilia. However, due to tainted blood and blood products they infused during the 1980s, older men with hemophilia face a variety of secondary health issues, including HIV and hepatitis A, B, and C. Additional complications for these men include joint damage, arthritis, and psychosocial consequences associated with their frequent medical problems and painful bleeding episodes. These complications are compounded by the fact that these older men with hemophilia face the same health issues associated with aging as do older men without hemophilia.

In a recent address on State and National Health Care Reform, Dr. Ken Thorpe, Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, stated that a majority of chronic disease could be better prevented or managed through utilizing preventative healthcare. (See www.fightchronicdisease.org).

There is a substantial need for an evidence-based program that will provide a safe environment in which older men with hemophilia can come together to share their experiences and knowledge about health and quality of life issues as well as to receive education and social support that will enhance their coping skills while improving their health.

To address this need, HFA will implement, oversee, and evaluate the Blood Brotherhood program. The overarching goal of the Blood Brotherhood Program is to improve the physical and mental health of older men with hemophilia and to optimize their health care, thus resulting in an improved quality of life. The program will be focused on men with hemophilia who are at least thirty years of age.

Blood Brotherhood activities will occur via monthly information sessions hosted in an online chatroom (available through www.hemophiliamed.org) and through face-to-face social support sessions occurring through the Hemophilia Federation of America's member organizations.

HFA Executive Director, Susan Swindle, stated "The expansion of the HFA Blood Brotherhood Program has been a part of the HFA Board vision over recent years and we are honored to be awarded the funding through the CDC that will allow HFA to reach this vision. HFA was begun fourteen years ago with the initial goal of advocating for this very generation of men, most who unfortunately had been infected with tainted blood products. Because these gentlemen have served as the leadership backbone of this organization, and the bleeding disorders community as a whole, HFA hopes to provide them with services that will continue to help them as they mature in age and wisdom."

For more information about the HFA Blood Brotherhood program or the Hemophilia Federation of America, please contact info@hemophiliamed.org , visit the HFA website at www.hemophiliamed.org . or call 337-261-9787.

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HFA will once again provide comprehensive Children's programming for Infants through teens **HFA Kids (ages 3-7)** will spend a fun-filled day at the Museum of Discovery, Arkansas' museum of science and history. They will explore the wonders of nature, science, technology and history; build a robot at the Tech Lab; create crafts at the Imagination Station; learn about Arkansas' rich Native American history; discover the principles of light, electricity, and magnetism; explore the major parts of the body in the Health Hall and learn about forestry through Worlds of the Forest through educator-directed activities led by the Museum's professional staff. Parents will be able to return with their kids for our Saturday night Event.

HFA Preteens (ages 8-11) will visit the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum, home to the USS Razorback, the longest-serving submarine in the world and other Riverside sights. Saturday, they will journey to the Heifer Ranch. Heifer Ranch, located in Perryville, AR (45 miles Northwest of Little Rock), is one of Heifer International's learning centers providing education that promotes sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. Heifer Ranch is home to Heifer International's original Global Village, a unique five-acre program area, representing housing found in areas of the world where Heifer operates. Preteens will see many of the animals that Heifer International uses around the world, including water buffalo, camels and traditional farm animals, and stay in the Global Village to participate in a half-day Global Connections activity.

Our Teen Connection Program (ages 12-18) is moving to the next level by hosting its first OVERNIGHT Camp in partnership with Global Health Society (GHS) at the Heifer Ranch. Teens will stay in two fully-equipped, handicapped accessible and comfortable lodges ("the Hilton of Camp Lodges")! GHS will supply a fully-staffed medical team for the entire 36-hour camp. Teens will be supervised by a medical team comprised of an experienced hematologist, registered nurse, physical therapist and other healthcare professionals (members of GHS' traveling medical team) and, of course, our Dynamic Teen Committee members. **Because of the logistics involved in the planning and presentation of this Program, pre-registration will be required prior to Symposium. No late attendees will be allowed to attend.

Look for further information about registration, programs, and exhibitor information in our Spring issue of Dateline Federation and on our website at www.hemophiliafed.org. For more information on Little Rock events and area attractions, please visit www.littlerock.com.



Top to Bottom: Museum of Discovery, Old State Capital Building, Clinton Presidential Library, Global Village at Heifer Ranch, and the River Market

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Hello! My name is Jill Williams and I'm the new advice columnist for HFA's Focus on the Feminine. I look forward to your questions and concerns about bleeding disorders. Please send your questions to me at info@hemophiliafed.org re: FOFMQA. There's no such thing as a dumb question – we all can learn from one another!

Dear Jill: HFA's Focus on the Feminine Q&A's

Dear Jill:

Could menopause cause me to have symptoms like bruising and become a person diagnosed with von Willebrand Disease or have I always had a bleeding disorder?

Tucson

Dear Tucson:

As you've probably been told, von Willebrand Disease (VWD) is a hereditary bleeding disorder. Symptoms and their severity can change throughout an affected person's lifetime. That being said, if you were diagnosed with VWD, you've had it since birth. Your von Willebrand Factor (VWF) levels may have been just high enough to mask minor symptoms like bruising.

We know hormones such as estrogen can increase one's levels of VWF and factor VIII. During menopause, estrogen levels drop – thus potentially increasing the chances of bruising or other bleeding issues associated with VWD. If you continue to have troubling VWD symptoms, discuss them with your doctor or treatment center team. Explain that you are in menopause. Together you can sort through the facts and potential treatments, and make an informed decision about potential treatments.

Dear Jill:

The majority of women with VWD I meet are very thin. I am not. Why does this vary so much?

Alabama

Dear Alabama:

I can only guess that you've not met me! I am not thin! All kidding aside, there is no correlation between body weight and VWD. People with VWD come in all shapes and sizes. Certainly there is merit in maintaining a healthy weight when one has VWD or any other bleeding disorder. A nutritionist is probably part of your treatment center team. She or he would be a good resource if you have further questions about weight and VWD.

Dear Jill:

I hear women with bleeding disorders talk about treating or infusing prior to flying in a commercial aircraft. My doctor has never told me to do this. I'm confused.

New Mexico

Dear New Mexico:

It is true that some women and men with bleeding disorders treat or infuse prior to taking to the skies. These individuals may have low levels of a particular clotting factor; they also may experience symptoms such as nosebleeds in the pressurized aircraft cabin.

If you feel your quality of life could be improved by such prophylactic ("preventative") treatment before air travel, discuss it with your health care provider. There may be other ways available to alleviate minor symptoms.

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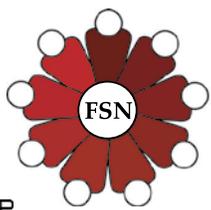
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HFA Board Gets Sneak Peak at 2008 Symposium Site: Little Rock



The HFA Board of Directors recently held its Fall 2007 Board Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas in preparation of the next HFA Annual Educational Symposium to be held at the Peabody Little Rock May 1-4, 2008. Located on Markham Avenue in the heart of downtown Little Rock, the Peabody is famous for its resident flock of ducks. Each morning, these pampered pets are escorted by a uniformed Duckmaster from their rooftop “pethouse” to the main hotel lobby fountain where they entertain hotel guests until their escorted afternoon return to their rooftop residence.

HFA Board members were given a tour of the hotel and surrounding attractions so they could offer suggestions for 2008 Symposium activities. Little Rock, Arkansas’ Capital city located along the Arkansas River, is host to the Clinton Presidential Library, the Clinton School of Public Service, Heifer International, the Alltel Arena, the Arkansas Queen, Riverside Marketplace and Riverside Park, Museum of Discovery, plus a host of other nationally-recognized and family-friendly museums and attractions. You can learn more about Little Rock attractions at www.littlerock.org. You can find out more about the Peabody Little Rock at www.peabodylittlerock.com.

While in Little Rock, HFA Board Members and volunteers were invited to participate in the 2nd Annual THEA Foundation Sidewalk Chalk Art Event held on the grounds of the Clinton Library. THEA is a nonprofit organization which promotes the Visual & Performing arts and arts education in Arkansas schools. HFA used this opportunity as a Board Team Building activity and opportunity to promote HFA and our upcoming 2008 Symposium. Carole Lancon, HFA Program Director and Susan Swindle, HFA Executive Director met with Paul Leopoulos, Executive Director of the THEA Foundation and Ginger Beebe, first-lady of Arkansas.

HFA Board members participating were Sandy Lilly (OK), Joey Privat (LA), Tom Vaclavik (IN), Lesa Kaercher (NY), Joyce Donlan (NE), HFA Administrative Assistant Sandy Aultman, and HFA volunteers Lee Hall (NY), Tim Andrews (TN), Nikki Murry (TN), Dan Livolski (IL), Sam Lilly (OK), Alice Landry (AR), Megan Jowers (TN) and Rene Embry (TN). Everyone who worked on creating two 6x6 ft murals thoroughly enjoyed the event and learned about the great programs that THEA has to offer.

To see more photos from our Little Rock visit, go to <http://hemophiliafed.org/site152.php>. To find out more about THEA, visit www.theafoundation.org.



Top: The Peabody Ducks march towards the hotel fountain area.

Above: HFA Tree of Life (left) HFA Across America (right)

From top to bottom: HFA Board at THEA, HFA THEA Artists, & the HFA Board at work

The HFA Helping Hands program was started as a means of providing emergency financial assistance to those persons who have been affected by Hemophilia or von Willebrands Disease. The program is designed to establish a rapid, non-invasive source of relief for emergency situations and Helping Hands funds are used to assist qualifying families with housing, transportation, utility and other one-time emergency needs.

Due to the enormous financial burden placed on families living with a bleeding disorder, this is, all too often, a common occurrence. Since its inception in 1997, the HFA Helping Hands Program has helped over 700 families within the community and has provided over \$250,000.00 in financial assistance for a variety of emergency needs.

The HFA evaluates and gives careful consideration to each applying individual/family with a minimum invasion of privacy. A referral to the HFA Helping Hands Program must be submitted by one of the following: a HTC-Nurse, Social Worker or Physician; Local or State Chapter/Member Organization; a Homecare Representative; a representative from other national or regional organizations established to serve the bleeding disorder community.

Once a referral is made, all applicants are required to submit a written statement of need, proof of the emergency situation, and must complete a phone interview conducted by the Helping Hands Coordinator. Each application is then forwarded to an independent committee, all with experience within the bleeding disorders community, for review.

This valuable program, now in its tenth year, is funded in part by a generous grant from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and Hemophilia Health Services. For additional information about this program, please contact the HFA at 800-230-9797.

In Memoriam

The HFA would like to extend condolences to family, friends and colleagues of Renee` Paper, RN who passed away on November 7, 2007. She was 49 years old. Renee` was a renowned lecturer and coauthor of the book, A Guide to Living with von Willebrand Disease. She was the founder of the Hemophilia Foundation of Nevada and was recently awarded the NHF Special Award for Activism on Behalf of Women with Bleeding Disorders. Renee also served on state and federal advisory boards for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Renee will be missed by all of her friends at the HFA.

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ADVOCACY IN ACTION

The following letter is in response to recent events (posted on the HFA website at www.hemophiliafed.org) regarding blood safety. HFA participated in several meetings with national advocacy groups and industry stakeholders to assess the extent of the problem, to respond to questions and concerns among plasma user groups, and to reinforce the importance of blood safety vigilance.



November 29, 2007

An Open Letter to the Manufacturers of Clotting Factor Products and the Government Agencies who Regulate Them:

Individuals affected by bleeding disorders depend on the availability of safe and efficacious clotting factor concentrates for their very lives. In the 1980s, the community was ravaged by the proliferation of HIV/AIDS and HCV tainted plasma derivatives. Many lessons were learned during that period about the importance of vigilance, and today we are fortunate to have an adequate supply of safe products, both recombinant and plasma-derived. However, recent events have created the perception that vigilance has started to wane.

The record of progress in addressing safety issues in recent years must not result in reduced vigilance as known and unknown pathogens continue to pose threats to the end users of clotting factor concentrates and our nation's blood supply. The need for vigilance never diminishes.

In the spirit of ongoing vigilance we are writing to express substantial community concern regarding recent issues that have potential implications for the safety of plasma derived clotting factor concentrates. Fortunately, the issues in question, which include but are not limited to cross-border plasma collection and regulatory violations at one collection center outlined in an FDA warning letter, did not result in tainted product or any other immediate danger to consumers. Nevertheless, there is genuine concern that these matters may not have initially been taken as seriously as they should have been. Furthermore, consumer organizations first learned of these issues from the media or other second-hand reports. We are appreciative of the recent efforts to provide us with answers to questions and other information addressing our concerns. However, our concerns do not end there, and neither should efforts to address them.

As organizations representing consumers with heightened sensitivities and, more importantly, critical vulnerability, we need a higher level of communication on an ongoing basis. In particular, we request the following:

1. When an issue comes to light that may have implications for product safety on any level, we want to know about it – and by that we mean that we want direct, proactive communication.
2. Communication should include an explanation of the problem itself, an analysis of its potential impact on product safety and patient health, and a description of the steps that are being taken to rectify it if necessary.
3. Historically, issues of blood and blood product safety have been addressed on a site by site and/or event by event piecemeal basis. Although much progress has been made, what is ultimately needed is a national blood policy as exists in other countries. A national blood policy would provide an expanded regulatory framework within which many of the questions and issues we are identifying could be addressed in a more comprehensive and timely manner.

By working together to improve our vigilance and our communications around blood and product safety issues, we can all help ensure that safe, effective treatments will remain available for all who need them.

Sincerely,

Corey S. Dubin
President, COTT

Carl Weixler
President, HFA

Raymond W. Stanhope
Chair of the Board, NHF

Mark W. Skinner
President, WFH

When Life Hands you Lemons, Make Coffee!

David Ross, a severe Factor VIII with an inhibitor and HPC, lives in California with his wife and 2 children. For fifteen years, he was the successful owner of two businesses that created special shipping containers for fine arts and antiques. However, problems with Ross' ankle, left knee and left elbow joints began to take a toll on his health, forced him to shut down both businesses.

Unbeknownst to Ross, his 12-year old son wrote a letter to the Dr. Phil show explaining his dad's life with hemophilia and its effects on the whole family. This is when things began to happen quickly. Dr. Phil's producers contacted David's wife and asked if she and her children could work with them to get Ross to appear on the Dr. Phil Show for a special "Christmas Miracles" story. The family had to send David's brother to get him home from a hunting trip with a made up excuse. David didn't buy it, so the family had to tell him the truth. In a span of five days, a film crew showed up at the Ross family door, followed David around for 2 days' worth of filming and then flew the family to the actual show's taping.



Ryan Hamlin (Left) and David Ross (Right)

During filming, Dr. Phil asked David's wife and kids what they would most like to give their husband/dad. David's wife said she would love for him to be able to own a successful at home business so David could successfully deal with his restricted mobility issues and, once again, feel productive. Ross had been experimenting, along with his best friend, Ryan Hamlin, with coffee roasting in the family kitchen and they had developed outlined a business plan they thought would work.



Deidrich Coffee Roaster

As David's "Christmas Miracle", Dr. Phil gave the family a handicapped-accessible van, offered free web design services to develop Jameson Brown Coffee Roasters, and got a Deidrich Coffee Roasters to donate a sample roaster to the Ross family so David could start his dream business at home.

When interviewed by HFA, David stated that the original business plan ad to be revised because of business restrictions for L.A. home-based businesses. Jameson Brown now has a 2900 square foot combined roasting/packaging/shipping facility coupled with a retail space. The whole family is involved in the business operations, with Ross's wife and kids helping man the counter. Customer are able to view the roasting operations through a glass window.

Jameson Brown ships coffee around the world. David credits his successful attitude to his close family. His wife and his 2 children are very supportive. He has described his parents and 2 brothers as "the best there is." David will soon be helping his parents celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. David also stated that the greatest message he can give others in the bleeding disorders community is "the importance of maintaining hope, moving through life with hemophilia takes people working together. To be successful, you need help and encouragement from family and friends."



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Industry News

Educational Children's Book About Hemophilia

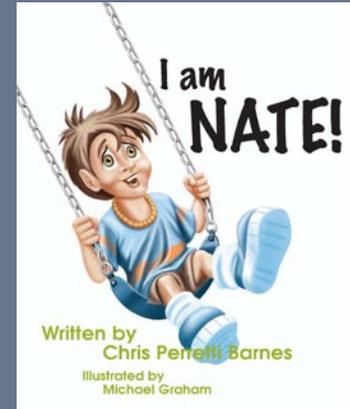
Now Available from Bayer HealthCare and BioRx

Cincinnati, Ohio (October 31, 2007) — Bayer HealthCare and BioRx, a specialty pharmaceutical company, announce the availability of *I AM NATE*, a new children's book about hemophilia. Written by Chris Perretti Barnes, the mother of a young boy with hemophilia A, the book is the second in a series of books intended to educate children about hemophilia.

I AM NATE is designed to introduce preschoolers to hemophilia. The main character of the story, Nate, explains to the reader in his own words that for him, having hemophilia is just as much of a routine in his life as dressing himself and feeding the pets. Author Chris Barnes wrote *I AM NATE* to help parents initiate a discussion about how their child feels about living with hemophilia.

I AM NATE is published by BioRx with support from Bayer HealthCare and is now available through both companies. To receive a complimentary copy of *I AM NATE* contact BioRx at 866.44.BIORX (866.442.4679), via email at cbarnes@biorx.net, or via BioRx's website at www.biorx.net. Bayer also is making free copies of the book available by contacting their local representatives or calling customer service at 888.606.3780.

Editor's note: You can read the entire article at www.hemophiliafed.org.



BioRx Offers Free 2008 Kids Hemophilia Calendar

Cincinnati, Ohio (October 11, 2007) — BioRx, a specialty pharmaceutical company, announces the availability of a free 2008 calendar to the hemophilia community. The annual Kids Hemophilia Calendar features artwork from children who either have a bleeding disorder or have a sibling or parent with a bleeding disorder. To produce the calendar, BioRx sponsored a contest requiring entrants in three different age categories to submit artwork relating to their experiences in living with hemophilia. The company received more than 70 entries, which were judged on artistic merit and relevance to hemophilia. All contestants receive a prize and a copy of the calendar. Winning artwork is published in the calendar.

"We are proud to support the hemophilia community by providing children with an outlet to express their thoughts and feelings about living with hemophilia in their family," said Eric Hill, co-founder of BioRx. "The winning entries this year express a level of creativity and compassion that is touching, and sometimes amusing."

To receive a complimentary copy of the calendar, contact BioRx at 866.44.BIORX (866.442.4679), via email at info@biorx.net, or via BioRx's website at www.biorx.net.



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Search Begins for Bayer 2008 Hemophilia Leadership Development Program Intern

BERKELEY, CALIF, October 22, 2007 — Bayer HealthCare, maker of Kogenate® FS Antihemophilic Factor (Recombinant), is now accepting applications for its 2008 Hemophilia Leadership Development Program, an eight-week paid summer internship program that will begin in June 2008. Applicants should be college students (sophomore through senior year), touched by hemophilia, who can demonstrate a commitment and interest in being a future leader in the hemophilia community. The selected intern(s) will gain firsthand knowledge of the complexities and challenges associated with manufacturing and promoting a recombinant factor VIII (rFVIII) product to the hemophilia community.

This program was created in response to feedback from hemophilia community members about the pressing need to develop and nurture future leaders in the bleeding disorders community. The paid internship program will take place at the Bayer campus in Wayne, NJ.

To view the article in its entirety, please visit www.hemophiliafed.org



Bayer HealthCare
Biological Products Division

Grifols Reports

Reductions in the Environment Impact of its Operations

Barcelona, Spain (September 20, 2007) Grifols S.A., a global healthcare company based in Barcelona, Spain, recently reported the results of its 2006 environmental management and monitoring program which included significant reductions in key environmental outputs and the announcement of a number of new initiatives to further reduce the company's environmental impact. Grifols' announcement builds on a history of environmental responsibility and sets the stage significant environmental achievements in the future.

Grifols has established an Environmental Management System that incorporates centralized oversight with a network of division-specific teams to develop and implement environmental objectives. Grifols helps its employees fulfill their responsibility through training programs and ongoing communications about environmental performance.

Building on its strong history of innovation, Grifols has applied a number of creative technology solutions to achieve significant environmental gains. "Our commitment to health extends not only to the patients who rely on our therapies, but also to the environment," said Victor Grifols, Chairman and CEO of the company. Improvements in the lighting and electrical systems at a Los Angeles facility reduced energy consumption by almost 1 million kilowatt hours. In

addition, nearly 60% of the company's manufacturing residues and by-products are recycled or used in production for other industries. These and other measures have the benefit of reducing the environmental impact of the company operations and also reducing operating costs.

To view this article in its entirety, go to www.hemophiliafed.org.

MedPro Rx, Inc.
Specialized Pharmacy Services

MedPro Rx Brings Opportunities for Students with Chronic Illnesses Through "Education is Power" Scholarship Program

MedPro Rx, Inc., provider of specialty pharmacy services to patients with chronic illnesses, **recently awarded 44 scholarships to students living with bleeding disorders** in more than 26 states. The number of awards disbursed through the 2007 "Education is Power" scholarship program more than doubled the number of awards disbursed in 2006, which was the inaugural year of the program.

MedPro Rx's scholarship program is built on the premise that education is power, and power enables students to achieve goals that help foster their success. The program is open to individuals living with Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease, both bleeding disorders. Applicants must also be United States residents, entering or attending a community college, junior college, four-year college, university or vocational school, and must participate in community activities and/or volunteer work.

A minimum of 20 scholarships are awarded each year and range in value from \$500 to \$2,500. To be considered for the 2008 "Education is Power" scholarship program, students must apply by May 1, 2008. Applications can be found on the MedPro Rx web site at www.medprorx.com under the "Scholarship Information" link or by calling 1-866-528-4963. To view entire article, go to www.hemophiliafed.org

HFA MEMBER ORGANIZATION NEWS

HEMOPHILIA ASSOCIATION OF THE CAPITAL AREA

January 2008- 19th Woman's Day Out at "Color Me Mine" located at 4209 Fairfax Avenue East in Fairfax Corner Shopping Center
3 pm – 7:30 pm

HEMOPHILIA OF NORTH CAROLINA

February 9-10 Couples Retreat- Concord, NC
March 5-7 Victory Junction Gang Camp Family Weekend, Randlemann NC
April 25 HNC Annual Golf Tournament, Chapel Hill, NC
May 31 HNC Annual Meeting, Winston-Salem, NC
September "Aces for Action" Charity Tennis Tournament, Cary, NC
October 18 Hemophilia Walk 2008, Cary, NC
December 6 HNC Holiday Celebration

Texas Central

On August thirteenth, 2007, C.J. Wilson hosted a Guitar Hero Tournament at the House of Blues in Dallas benefiting Texas Hemophilia Camp, a summer camp for boys ages seven to seventeen with Hemophilia. The event raised over one-thousand dollars. Accepting the check on behalf of the Texas Central is five year old Micah Champagne and his parents, Robert and Kelly Champagne.



Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California

January 14 Hemo Games, Staples Center
January 23 HFSC Board Meeting
February 27 HFSC Conference Call Board Mtg.
March 26 HFSC Board Meeting
April 13-14 2008 Regional IX Hemo Treatment Center Conference, La Jolla
April 23 HFSC Conference Call Board Mtg.
April 26 Family Information Day
May 28 HFSC Board Meeting
June 25 HFSC Conference Call Board Mtg.
July 10-15 Blood Brothers & Sisters Camp Painted Turtle (Tentative date)
July 23 HFSC Board Meeting
August 27 HFSC Conference Call Board Mtg.
September 24 HFSC Board Meeting
October 22 HFSC Conference Call Board Mtg.
November 26 HFSC Board Meeting
December 24 HFSC Conference Mtg.

Dates & locations are subject to change.

Note: The Foundation has a new location and phone number
Hemophilia Foundation Southern California, 6720 Melrose Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90038 (323) 525-0440 Fax (323) 525-0445

NORTHERN OHIO HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

February 8-10 Weekend Novo Nordisk Inhibitor Support Group Meeting Soaring Eagle Resort Mount Pleasant, Michigan

May 9 Midnight Black & Blue Ball
Windows on the River Cleveland, OH

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF THE NHF

February, 2008 Date TBD, Early Spring event in Central Nebraska
April 23rd Spring event Location TBD
August 8th James Hollrah Memorial Golf Tournament, Wildemess Ridge Golf Course, Lincoln, NE
August 8-10 Annual Educational Conference, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE
October 15th Harvest Festival
Vala Pumpkin Patch, Gretna, NE
November 8th Educational Conference in Western NE, Location TBD
December 6th Holiday Party, Location TBD

HEMOPHILIA OF INDIANA

February 16, 2008 Hearts For Hemophilia Dinner /Dance
June 19th Course To A Cure Golf Outing
August 30th Hemophilia of Indiana's Annual Meeting
New Address: 5170 E 65th Street - Indianapolis, IN 46220
Phone Numbers: 317-570-0039-Main #, 317-570-0057
Patient Dental Service 800-241-2873, 317-570-0058-fax

THE HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS

The Hemophilia Foundation of Arkansas exists to lend support, education, and services to the bleeding disorders community in Arkansas. Special programs include summer camp, educational meetings, patient financial assistance and more. For additional information, please contact Donna Tozer toll-free at 888-941-HEMO or email at donna.tozer@yahoo.com.

HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION OF MINNESOTA / DAKOTAS

January 18-20, 2008 Minnesota Family Retreat, Lodge at Brainerd Lakes
January 26th Hearts of Hope Gala, Minneapolis Hilton, Downtown, MN
April 18-20 HFMD Annual Meeting, Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN
August 1-3 Dakotas Family Retreat, The Governor's Inn & Conference Center, Casselton, ND
Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorder Foundation
March 22, 2008 Fishing for Fisher Bass Tournament
April 24, 2008 Music City Golf Classic
June 23, 2008 Blues on the Green Memphis, TN
September 13, 2008 Pitchin' for Caleb
Horse Shore Tournament
October 4, 2008 A Royal Gala Crossville, TN

HFA member organizations are encouraged to post announcements and events by emailing the information to s.aultman@hemophiliafed.org.

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