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### HFA Welcomes Three New Member Organizations

Washington: DC: Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA), a community focused national organization serving the needs of individuals and families with bleeding disorders since 1994, is pleased to announce the addition of three new member organizations in 2010 as indicated below:

***The Connecticut Hemophilia Society, Inc. (CHS)***, founded on February 17, 2010 is dedicated to improving the quality of life of persons with bleeding disorders and their families through education and financial support, and by supporting scientific research aimed at finding a cure for hemophilia.

***The New York City Hemophilia Chapter (NYCHC)***, incorporated in 2008 to foster a sense of community amongst individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders in the greater New York City area. The mission of NYCHC includes assisting the community through shared experiences and mutual support.

***The Hemophilia Association of New Jersey (HANJ)*** was founded in 1971 and offers assistance to persons with hemophilia and their families. The HANJ mission is to improve the quality of life for community members by providing and maintaining access to highly qualified medical treaters and successfully proven medical regimens.

“These organizations are filled with energy, knowledge and a desire to work together to serve the bleeding disorders community.. Our member organizations are HFA’s foundation and I’m pleased that we continue to expand our network,” states Kimberly Haugstad, HFA Executive Director.

The addition of CHS, NYCHC and HANJ fills an important regional gap of HFA member services in the northeast corridor and brings HFA to a total of 33 members strong. The need for partnerships among organizations is crucial during these tough economic times. Budgets cuts in the states are inevitable and collaboration is the key to ensuring our community is safeguarded from harmful cuts in services.

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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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