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NEW BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED AND NEW BOARD MEMBER JOINS STROKE AWARENESS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN JOSE, Calif., November 2, 2005- New Board of Directors officers were recently elected by the members of the Stroke Awareness Foundation. Charles J. Toeniskoetter, President of TBI, Inc., a local real estate developer who is one of the original co-founders of the organization was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board; Dave Henderson, a long standing board member of Stroke Awareness Foundation and President of the Samaritan Medical Center, was elected as Vice Chair, and another co-founder of the Stroke Awareness Foundation, Charles A. Hoffman, retired executive, was elected Chief Financial Officer.

Also, Thomas W. Ross, President of ActaVascular, Inc. was elected to serve on the Board of Directors, joining other board members which include: William S. Baron, Brandenburg Properties, Pat Dando, President & CEO of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Beryl Israel, Chief Advancement Officer of The Health Trust, Phillip E. Strong of Strong Leadership Systems, Inc. and Dr. Robert Wuerflein.

“I am very excited to be able to serve as President of this significant organization, now in its third year,” said Charles J. Toeniskoetter. “We have been able to reach thousands of people in San Jose and Santa Clara County with our message of hope, by providing information concerning the warning signs of stroke and the need for urgent medical transportation to a JCAHO Certified Stroke Center.”

Toeniskoetter went on to say, “I am very excited about our new board leadership with Dave Henderson serving as Vice President. Dave has a deep commitment to ensuring that all stroke victims in our county have access to qualified and certified Stroke Centers. Dave has spent years as a volunteer leader in many health care related activities and initiatives.”

Charles S. Hoffman has served as President since the inception of the Stroke Awareness Foundation in August, 2002. Hoffman says, “I am very honored to be able to continue to serve with this outstanding organization that can really save lives and improve the outcomes for stroke patients throughout Santa Clara County.”

In the past couple of years, Santa Clara County has gone from a couple of JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) Certified Stroke Centers, to having four which are currently Certified by JCAHO, which include Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose; Stanford Stroke Center in Palo Alto, Kaiser Santa Clara and Kaiser Santa Teresa. There are indications that there will be five other hospitals in our county which will become certified.

Thomas W. Ross joins the board because of his commitment to advancing the information we currently know about the urgency in treating stroke victims within the first three hours of the onset of the symptoms of a stroke. “Strokes happen unexpectedly, and without a lot of warning; a stroke can and does happen to you or someone that you love,” said Ross, “and I am honored to be able to be a part of an organization that is doing so much good work in our community.”

Thomas W. Ross, an executive with over 25 years of experience in the medical device field, founded Acta Vascular Systems, Inc. Mr. Ross, President and CEO of Acta Vascular, was most recently Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Parallax Medical, a small interventional radiology company, and has been Vice President of Sales and Marketing for successful start-ups in the fields of interventional radiology and spine orthopedics since 1989. Mr. Ross also has held key sales and marketing management roles in device companies owned by Eli Lilly, Medtronic and Baxter. In total, Mr. Ross has been an important factor in over \$450 million in public financings, private placements and corporate acquisitions of the 5 start-up device companies for which he has been an officer. Ross received his BA in Biology from the UCLA School of Public Health and his MBA from the UCLA School of Management

About Stroke Awareness Foundation

The Stroke Awareness Foundation was formed by three prominent local residents who each suffered, but fully recovered from strokes. Retired businessman Charles E. Hoffman, President and CEO of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce Pat Dando and contractor/developer Charles J. Toeniskoetter discovered that there was a lack of knowledge among both the public and health care professionals about stroke identification and treatment. They decided to form an organization that would not only educate the public about stroke warning signs, but assure that people get transported by emergency medical vehicles to a JCAHO Certified Stroke Hospital for the most effective and efficient treatment.

The Stroke Awareness Foundation mission is to improve community awareness of stroke and its treatment and related health issues through research, education, outreach and communications programs and activities in the community. For more information, please go to the website at www.strokeinfo.org.