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**AIDS Research Alliance Moving to Larger Research Facility**

With a clinic twice as large and a new laboratory in downtown Los Angeles, AIDS Research Alliance can accelerate its scientific efforts to develop a pioneering new anti-HIV treatment.

(LOS ANGELES, CA) On December 19, 2008, AIDS Research Alliance will move into a medical complex in downtown Los Angeles, which features twice as much space and a new laboratory designed for basic science research. For the past 14 years, AIDS Research Alliance has shared cramped quarters with other AIDS organizations in the City of West Hollywood's Ron Stone HIV Center. However, the Ron Stone Center is scheduled for demolition in early 2009. AIDS Research Alliance will re-open on January 5, 2009 in its new home located at 1400 South Grand Avenue (Suite 701), across from the California Hospital Medical Center.

"Our work on almost half of all existing anti-HIV treatments benefited greatly from our presence in the City of West Hollywood," said Carolyn Carlburg, JD, President & CEO of AIDS Research Alliance. "The city's support was critical to our early success, but our new home will enable us to serve more of the communities hit hard by AIDS in Los Angeles."

"Our address isn't the only thing that's changing," said Stephen Brown, MD, Medical Director of AIDS Research Alliance. "Our new facility will feature a new bio-safety laboratory, which will enable us to conduct even more cutting-edge bench science."

Without a bio-safety laboratory, AIDS Research Alliance has been compelled to outsource its bench science to qualified research laboratories—slowing progress and escalating costs. With a new lab, AIDS Research Alliance will be able to screen new chemical compounds for anti-HIV properties. Currently, AIDS Research Alliance is licensed by the National Institutes of Health to develop the compound, prostratin. Yet, compounds similar to prostratin may exhibit even more effective anti-HIV properties that target viral reservoirs.

"We think prostratin—or a related compound—could revolutionize HIV treatment, and our new research facility in downtown Los Angeles will help us explore that," said Dr. Brown.

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About AIDS Research Alliance: Founded 19 years ago, AIDS Research Alliance (ARA) exists to develop more effective treatments for HIV disease, to find new medical interventions to stop the spread of HIV (such as a vaccine), and ultimately to find a cure for AIDS. Over the years, ARA has conducted over 80 pre-clinical and clinical studies, including the first in-human HIV vaccine trial. Today, AIDS Research Alliance is the only non-profit, community-based research facility licensed by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop an anti-HIV drug.

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