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AIDS Research Alliance awarded \$200,000 cure research grant by the Robert John Sabo Trust

Award will advance promising research targeting latent HIV—the virus not killed by existing antiretroviral drugs.

(LOS ANGELES, CA). Today, Carolyn Carlburg, President & Chief Operating Officer, announced that AIDS Research Alliance of America has been awarded a research grant of \$200,000 from the Robert John Sabo Trust. The grant will underwrite scientific experiments that test the effectiveness of the compound, Prostratin, as a tool to eradicate latent HIV—the virus not killed by existing anti-HIV treatments.

Carolyn Carlburg said, “AIDS Research Alliance is deeply grateful to Mr. Sabo for leaving such a significant amount of his estate to AIDS cure research.” Carlburg continued: “AIDS Research Alliance helped to make AIDS treatable—assisting in the work to bring about half of current anti-HIV treatments to market—and with Mr. Sabo’s help we will find a cure. Mr. Sabo’s generosity could benefit millions of people with HIV/AIDS worldwide.”

The National Institutes of Health licensed Prostratin to AIDS Research Alliance to explore its potential as a cure-related treatment. AIDS Research Alliance is currently conducting pre-clinical studies before requesting permission from the Food & Drug Administration to test Prostratin in humans. Experiments conducted by AIDS Research Alliance and other scientists suggest Prostratin may play a promising role in clearing latent virus from its hiding places in cellular “reservoirs,” and thus move science toward a cure for HIV/AIDS.

Born in North Carolina, Robert John Sabo lived most of his adult life in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he worked as a certified public accountant. Mr. Sabo maintained a home in Sanford, NC, so he could frequently visit his mother. When he was approaching death, Mr. Sabo returned to Sanford permanently where he died at the age of 50 in November 2005. Mr. Sabo left much of his estate to medical research, intentionally leaving a special fund for AIDS cure research. In addition to this grant to AIDS Research Alliance of America, the Robert John Sabo Trust will fund medical research initiatives at the Salk Institute and the J. Gladstone Institute.

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AIDS Research Alliance is nonprofit, medical research organization dedicated to curing HIV/AIDS. Since 1989, AIDS Research Alliance has conducted clinical trials leading to the approval of half of today's HIV/AIDS treatments. Its current research targeting latent HIV reservoirs, including the development of Prostratin, will bring the world closer to a cure. AIDS Research Alliance is also at the forefront of infection prevention as a member of the federal HIV Vaccine Trials Network. Free from politics or profit motives, AIDS Research Alliance offers clinical trial volunteers access to the next generation of HIV/AIDS treatments and vaccines at its world-class clinic in downtown Los Angeles, and in this way, pursues all pathways to the worldwide eradication of HIV/AIDS. For more information, visit www.aidsresearch.org.