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LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION FORMS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF CANCER PAIN INITIATIVES

Organizations Hope to Improve Quality of Life, Minimize Pain for People Living with Cancer

AUSTIN, Texas — September 28, 2005 — The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) announced today the formation of a cooperative agreement with the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives (AACPI) to minimize pain and improve the quality of life for people living with cancer.

The two-phase, three-year cooperative agreement will improve cancer pain management nationwide while providing infrastructure, financial and programmatic support to the individual State Pain Initiatives (SPIs) organizations that make up the AACPI network. During the first year, the LAF and AACPI will focus on developing the capacity of the SPIs and the tools and programs necessary to help them achieve their goals. During the second and third years, the LAF and AACPI will provide grants and programmatic support to enable the SPIs to carry out projects directed at overcoming barriers to pain relief at the state level.

“The LAF’s manifesto states that we believe in the right to live without pain and is aligned with the AACPI’s goal to promote cancer pain relief nationwide,” said Andy Miller, associate director of public health programs at the LAF. “Through this cooperative agreement, we hope to increase awareness of the problems associated with untreated pain and the importance of controlling pain effectively.”

Studies show that more than half of people with cancer experience pain, and that unrelieved pain adversely affects physical function, psychological well-being and social interactions.

“Good pain control is good medicine. When pain is properly managed, persons feel better, survival is improved, overall quality of life is improved and health care costs are minimized,” said Patrick Coyne, chairperson of the AACPI advisory council.

About the Lance Armstrong Foundation

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) believes that in your battle with cancer, unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything. From the moment of diagnosis we provide the practical information and tools you need to live strong. We serve our mission through public health, advocacy, research and education, including the LIVESTRONG™ Resource for Cancer Survivors. The LAF was founded in 1997 by cancer survivor and champion cyclist Lance Armstrong and is located in Austin, Texas. For more information, visit www.livestrong.org.

About the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives

The American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives (AACPI) is a network of state based Pain Initiatives that work to remove the barriers that impede cancer pain relief through education, advocacy, and institutional improvement. The national office of the AACPI is affiliated with the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center. For more information, visit www.aacpi.wisc.edu.

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