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EIGHT STATE PAIN INITIATIVES RECEIVE GRANTS FOR PAIN RELIEF EFFORTS

*Funding Supports Activities to Improve Pain Management
for People Living with Cancer*

AUSTIN, Texas — September 6, 2006 — The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) and the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives (AACPI) announced today the selection of eight State Pain Initiatives (SPIs) that will receive grants to carry out projects directed at overcoming barriers to pain relief at the state and local level and improve the quality of life for people living with cancer.

The grant funding made possible through a national partnership of the LAF and AACPI will improve cancer pain management nationwide while providing infrastructure, financial and programmatic support to the individual SPIs that make up the AACPI network.

The SPIs and activities selected to receive funding for 2006-2007 include:

- Northern California Pain Initiative to utilize evidence-based practice guidelines to improve health care professionals' knowledge of cancer pain management;
- Southern California Cancer Pain Initiative to develop the core skills necessary for social work professionals to promote pain management and palliative care;
- Indiana Pain Initiative to improve pain assessment and management practices in health care institutions;
- Massachusetts Pain Initiative to enhance and expand its *Power Over Pain* community-based public awareness program which provides persons in pain and caregivers practical information and resources on pain management;
- Missouri Pain Initiative to develop and distribute pain education material to targeted populations, and improve pain assessment and management practices in health care institutions;
- Montana Pain and Symptom Management Initiative to provide pain management education to health care professionals throughout the state and improve the understanding of how the state's public policies can affect pain and symptom management;

- New Mexico Pain Initiative to facilitate a statewide stakeholders meeting to identify the barriers to pain management in the state and develop strategies to address those barriers;
- New Hampshire Pain Initiative to produce a public service announcement for television broadcast that provides viewers with information about managing pain.

“The State Pain Initiatives have the local knowledge and expertise to develop innovative solutions to the undertreatment of pain problem in their states and communities. Together we can achieve our goal of promoting pain relief nationwide,” said Patrick Coyne, chairperson of the AACPI advisory council.

More than half of all persons with cancer experience pain. Unrelieved pain adversely affects physical function, productivity, psychological well-being and social interactions.

“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, director of survivorship programs at the LAF. “We are thrilled to support the State Pain Initiatives’ efforts to increase awareness of the problems associated with untreated pain and to promote pain management for patients.”

About the Lance Armstrong Foundation

Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) inspires and empowers people affected by cancer. We help people with cancer focus on living; we believe that unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything. From the moment of diagnosis, the LAF provides the practical information and tools people with cancer need to live life on their own terms. The LAF serves its mission through advocacy, public health and research. Founded in 1997 by cancer survivor and champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, the LAF 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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