National Parkinson Foundation and the Parkinson's Disease Foundation Complete Merger to Form the Parkinson's Foundation

We are thrilled to share with you the news that National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) and the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF) have finalized our merger. Moving forward, we will operate as the Parkinson's Foundation with offices in New York City and Miami. While we have already begun integrating our programs and operations, each division will continue to communicate with our supporters under the legacy brand until the Parkinson's Foundation brand is fully integrated.

As we set out to complete this merger, we were adamant that the Parkinson's Foundation must be greater than the sum of our individual parts. We share a unity of purpose—working toward a world without Parkinson's disease and focusing on the best possible lives now for people living with the disease. We owe it to them to move the science and care forward. The merger allows us to do just that even better—to expand our reach and our impact and to be more effective in everything we do.

Indeed, the coming together has redoubled our shared spirit of purpose. Our focus will be in three key areas:

Seeking a cure: We support promising scientific research by investing in individual and collaborative research and training projects as well as in an extensive network of research and medical centers in the United States and around the world.

Providing care and support: Until there is a cure, we remain focused on the care and wellbeing of people living with Parkinson's today. This has always been, and remains, a hallmark of our leading research and educational work.

Championing a better future: To do all this, we will expand our advocacy and community outreach efforts to ensure that the response to this disease matches the urgent need.

Of course, we cannot do this alone. We will continue to collaborate with our allied organizations in the Parkinson's community. And we will look for ways to further enhance our impact in the field, both through collaborations as well as additional strategic combinations.

One new element that we are very excited about is the search for a new Chief Executive Officer. A joint Search Committee of the Board has kicked off the search, working with the executive search firm Russell Reynolds to recruit a dynamic leader for the future. We remain enormously grateful to Robin Elliott and Paul Blom for their essential leadership during this important transition.

Meanwhile, the Parkinson's Foundation will be governed by a Board of Directors that will include 11 members from each of the legacy organizations. The two of us will serve as Board Chairs in consecutive terms, with John, former NPF Chair, serving the first term followed by Howard, former PDF Chair. We are driven by the perspective, needs and priorities of people living with the disease and, together, we will be a formidable and effective force in the fight against Parkinson's.

Join NPF's Wines on the Bay online auction from November 15 to November 30. Bid on exclusive wines, trips, tours and dinners. All proceeds benefit NPF's mission. To learn more email rsvp@parkinson.org or visit www.winesonthебay.org/auction.