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LYME DISEASE ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

WILTON, CT – February 9, 2007 - The National Research Fund for Tick-Borne Diseases, Inc. (NRFTD), a non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to funding research of the highest caliber into tick-borne infections, including Lyme disease, is pleased to announce the induction of Serena Benenson and Sara Newman Clarke both of New Canaan to its Board of Directors.

Ms. Benenson has a history of dedication and commitment to support and promote awareness of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. This grows out of her personal experience of having been diagnosed with a Lyme brain infection in 1995 and treated for years with intravenous antibiotics. Furthermore her eldest son was diagnosed with Lyme in 1994, and subsequently home schooled for two years. Her arduous journey through the controversial medical maze of diagnosis and treatment compelled her to become more actively involved in the Lyme community and to support research for a cure.

In discussing why she joined the NRFTD Board, Ms. Benenson said, "My interest in joining the Board is strengthened by a personal commitment to non-biased research through scientific means which will help the medical community, and the public at large to better understand these complex diseases."

Ms. Benenson received her Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University and prior to her illness, worked with a variety of patient populations. Presently, she has an interior design firm, Serena Benenson & Associates and most recently was the Director of Marketing & Communication for a jewelry company, Eclipse-Jewelry in Motion.

Ms. Clarke brings to the NRFTD board 20-plus years of career experience in both investment banking and general corporate management, as well as corporate and non-profit board experience in community development, social services and the fine arts.

She received her undergraduate degree from Williams College and an MBA from the University of Chicago before her initiating her highly successful career in the banking and investment field where she directed the funding a number of start-up companies in the high-tech industry.

Ms. Clarke stated, "I joined the NRFTD because I believe the public deserves answers about such things as, the pathogenesis of the Lyme, accurate diagnostic testing, various means of transmission, like blood, fluids etc. It takes objective, non-biased research to assure an accurate scientific understanding of these diseases and related issues. While education and advocacy are important issues, the quintessential issue is research. That is the exclusive mission of the NRFTD and something that it does better than any other organization."

About the National Research Fund for Tick-Borne Diseases, Inc.

The NRFTD is a nonprofit organization devoted to funding scientific research in the rapidly expanding field of tick-borne diseases. It is determined to advance scientific understanding of these complicated infections by sponsoring innovative research of the highest quality at premier institutions throughout the world.

For more information about the NRFTD, or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.nrftd.org.