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### **LYME DISEASE ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

WILTON, CT – September 1, 2006 - The National Research Fund for Tick-Borne Diseases, Inc. (NRFTD), a non-profit organization dedicated to funding research of the highest caliber into tick-borne infections, including Lyme disease, is pleased to announce the induction of Carolyn R. Buttrick and Barbara Walsh on to its Board of Directors.

Carolyn R. Buttrick has been committed to a number of Lyme-related causes since her own Lyme diagnosis in 1997. In addition to the NRFTD, she has volunteered with Turn the Corner, Open Eye Pictures, and Time for Lyme. Ms. Buttrick received her BA from Iona College and currently works as an associate with BG Development of New Canaan. Previously, she worked at Gullans and Brooks a New Canaan based architectural firm. In her free time, she enjoys tennis, golf, and gardening. She lives in New Canaan with her husband and their five children. Ms. Buttrick states, "I decided to join the NRFTD because of she the committed board members and the qualified scientific advisory board. Everyone is working toward the same goal; funding scientific research that can be published to increase the knowledge of tick-borne illnesses throughout the country. I have many family and friends whom I have watched suffer with tick related illnesses. I hope to help make a difference."

Barbara Walsh graduated from the University of Iowa. Previously, she worked as Vice President at Nomura Securities in Asset-Backed Securities and at Cargill, Inc. in the Financial Markets Division. Ms. Walsh states, "I have a personal interest in Lyme disease because one of my daughters was seriously affected by the illness beginning at two years of age and has been frustrated by the lack of reliable testing and ongoing battles due to her illness. I have had Lyme disease twice." Ms. Walsh volunteers with Time for Lyme and is on the Parents Association Board of Convent of the Sacred Heart. She resides in Greenwich, CT with her husband and three children.

### **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.

The NRFTD was founded in 1999 to address the complex and critical research questions raised by thousands of patients afflicted with emerging tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease, relapsing fever borrelia, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, bartonella and ehrlichiosis. The need for answers has grown markedly as Lyme disease has spread dramatically throughout the country and as other tick-borne infections have been recognized as public health threats.

For more information about the NRFTD, or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit [www.nrftd.org](http://www.nrftd.org).