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## **Hydrocephalus Association Goes to Washington**

**Hydrocephalus Association moves its national headquarters to Bethesda, Maryland**

*Bethesda, MD, August 10, 2012:* After 29 years of being located on the west coast, the Hydrocephalus Association has moved its national headquarters to the Washington, D.C., area. The new office location in the heart of Bethesda, Maryland, puts the Association just 2 miles from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and 9 ½ miles from the U.S. Capitol.

The move supports the Association's current growth initiative, which includes expanding its advocacy and research while continuing its core services of providing support and education. "Our new location allows us to have a physical presence that we did not have before. As a result, we can increase our interaction with Congress and Federal agencies such as the Department of Defense, veteran service organizations, and the medical research community of NIH. We look forward to strengthening these relationships on behalf of all those living with hydrocephalus," stated Dawn Mancuso, CEO of the Hydrocephalus Association.

The move follows two recent milestones in the Association's work for its scientific and patient communities. As part of the national conference in June, members of the Hydrocephalus Association participated in a successful Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill where they met with over 95 Congressional offices to educate on hydrocephalus and advocate for increased research funding toward better treatment options and, ultimately, a cure. NIH also recently added Hydrocephalus as a new research category in the NIH Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization (RCDC) reports. RCDC provides consistent and transparent information to the public about NIH-funded research, providing a complete list of all NIH-funded projects related to each category.

**About the Hydrocephalus Association**

The Hydrocephalus Association (HA) is a national organization dedicated to eliminating the challenges of hydrocephalus by stimulating research and supporting people who are affected by this condition. Incorporated in 1986 as a San Francisco-based non-profit, HA is now the nation's largest and most widely respected organization dedicated solely to serving those affected by hydrocephalus. HA has been instrumental in creating a community of individuals, families and health care professionals addressing the complexities of hydrocephalus in all age groups.