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Metro Atlanta Neurosurgery Foundation Raises Funds for Global Healthcare Initiative

Atlanta, GA, United States, 12/01/2006 - Metro Atlanta Neurosurgery Foundation (MAN Foundation) has initiated a web based healthcare model in response to the lack of medical resources available to rural villages in developing nations, through distance healthcare technology. The Foundation will host a fundraising reception this Saturday, December 9th at the Four Seasons Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

Healthcare practitioners in rural communities around the world, who could previously only look forward to temporary medical relief, may soon be able to begin a sustainable healthcare system for their communities. The *Adopt A Village* program will establish telemedicine healthcare networks within the targeted communities where healthcare services are often limited or non-existent.

"Healthcare practitioners are empowered by having access to medical resources: professional services, medicines, supplies, equipment and training. Where the infrastructure is in place, the telemedicine network can both strengthen and sustain a rural healthcare delivery system," says Gayle King, MAN Foundation's Executive Director.

For decades, medical missions have traversed the globe supplying third world communities with much needed healthcare resources, but usually without the objective to assist in a more permanent way. Telemedicine bridges the gap between manpower and distance allowing doctors from around the world to provide medical assistance from their offices via a web based healthcare network.

Telemedicine is the use of information communication technology for healthcare delivery, consultation, education and the management of patient information allowing medical records to be transferred to a specialist in another country or region at lightning speed. Telemedicine is most often used as a form of distance healthcare.

"Over the past 11 months, MAN Foundation has provided over \$18,000 in medical supplies and medications to the Prampram, Ghana health center and conducted 6 days of primary care clinics. Currently, we are actively seeking medical equipment and supplies for the new health center in Prampram, scheduled to open in January, 2007," says Paul King, MD. Additional requests for aid from the MAN Foundation have already been received from Togo, Liberia and Namibia.

A Pre-Launch fundraiser for the *Adopt A Village* program will take place on Saturday, December 9th in Atlanta, GA.

Adopt A Village Objectives:

- develop and implement a telemedicine network;
- conduct annual medical missions;
- provide medical supplies and medicines with each mission;
- ship a medical container as needed;
- partner with local (in-country) councils (NGO);
- partner with in-country medical professionals;
- develop an international cadre of medical & healthcare professionals;
- provide medical training and patient education.

ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Dr. Paul King founded Metro Atlanta Neurosurgery, PC in 1999. He is a board-certified neurosurgeon, specializing in complex spinal surgery, cerebrovascular disease and neuro-trauma. King graduated from Fisk University, received his MD from Michigan State University, and completed a Spine-fellowship at Emory University's department of neurosurgery. King is a member numerous organizations including the Atlanta Medical Association, the American Association of Neurosurgeons, the Georgia State Medical Association, the National Medical Association and the American Medical Association. In 2001, Dr. King founded Metro Atlanta Neurosurgery Foundation. The *Adopt A Village program* was established in 2005 to advance healthcare resources for people in third world communities.