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**Lymphoma Research Foundation Challenge Grant Raises \$1 Million For Research**  
*Foundation Board Members Invest in Research and Reach Goal for Follicular Lymphoma Research*

**New York, NY** – The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) – the nation’s largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to funding lymphoma research and to serving those touched by the disease – is pleased to announce the successful completion of a \$1 million challenge grant for follicular lymphoma research. LRF funds research initiatives that have the most potential for gaining a better understanding of lymphoma and ultimately discovering a cure. To encourage other donors to make an investment in follicular lymphoma research LRF board members Michael Werner and Tom Condon, along with their families, committed a total of \$200,000 in the form of a challenge grant. The goal of the challenge was to raise \$1 million by December 31, 2011 specifically for the advancement of follicular lymphoma research. Through the support and generosity of the lymphoma community, the challenge was successful and the financial goal was met.

“The Lymphoma Research Foundation is widely known to have one of the best lymphoma research programs in the world,” said Tom Condon. “I am confident that the \$1 million contributed through the challenge grant will lead to meaningful progress toward finding a cure for follicular lymphoma.”

Lymphoma is the most common blood cancer in adults and the third most common cancer overall in children. There are two main types of lymphoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) and Hodgkin lymphoma (HL). Follicular lymphoma is typically a slow-growing, or indolent, form of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. It is usually not considered curable, but patients can live for many years with this disease.

“Recent research has led to important advancements in understanding follicular lymphoma; by investing in lymphoma research today, we are investing in our future,” said Michael Werner. “My family and I are sincerely grateful to all those who rose to the challenge and invested in follicular lymphoma; thanks to their generosity we are that much closer to the day we cure this disease.”

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised through the Werner/Condon Follicular Challenge will be used in 2012 to fund additional research projects that offer the greatest potential to advance the field of follicular research and the discovery of new treatments. Since the inception of the Lymphoma Research Foundation’s Follicular Lymphoma Research Initiative, LRF has awarded 11 large-scale follicular lymphoma grants totaling more than \$7 million.

For more information about lymphoma and LRF’s disease-specific resources, programs and research, visit [lymphoma.org](http://lymphoma.org).

**About the Lymphoma Research Foundation**

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is the nation's largest non-profit lymphoma organization devoted exclusively to funding innovative research and providing people with lymphoma and healthcare professionals with critical information on the disease. To date, LRF has awarded more than \$47 million in lymphoma-specific research.

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