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PRESS RELEASE

April 13, 2010 – The Research + Education Group, (The R+E Group) a community-based HIV/AIDS research non-profit agency in Portland, Oregon, announces the retirement of its founder and Principal Investigator, Dr. James H. Sampson.


Dr. Sampson helped to build the working knowledge of, and clinical infrastructure for, physicians and researchers in HIV/AIDS care, in what has become a nationally recognized model. He treated some of the first individuals in the Northwest who were known to have HIV and AIDS, and he was the driving force of what was once the Oregon AIDS Task Force, a group comprised of health care providers and other community members from the Portland Metropolitan area who worked together to discover treatment options for those who were overcome by what was then a mysterious illness, and what we now know as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Dr. Sampson worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to advance clinical and public health goals around issues related to HIV/AIDS, at both the state and national levels.

Since 1987, The R+E Group has been at the forefront of HIV and AIDS research in Oregon and Southwest Washington communities, bringing new drugs and therapies to those with HIV and AIDS by way of science-based clinical trials. With the participation of over 40 physicians and medical personnel at numerous Northwest sites, including internists, infectious

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disease specialists, oncologists, hematologists, public health clinics, drug treatment centers, academic centers and tertiary outpatient clinics, The R+E Group is proud to have contributed to the dramatic improvements we now see in HIV and AIDS treatments over the last decade. Dr. Sampson's leadership of HIV clinical cooperative research in Oregon, and his compassion and devotion to those in our community who have been affected by HIV/AIDS, have set a high standard for those who follow.

These outcomes could not have been possible without the thousands of study participants—thoughtful and forward-thinking men and women—who contributed and continue to contribute to this body of knowledge by taking part in experimental drug therapies and protocols.



The R+E Group has received funding from the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR), the Oregon State Tax Return charity check-off, the National Institutes of Health, and a number of private pharmaceutical corporations.

Dr. Sampson's legacy continues through the work of Dr. Melissa D. Murphy, HIV Clinic Director and Infectious Disease Staff Physician at the Portland V.A. Medical Center and OHSU, who now steps in as The R+E Group's Principal Investigator for clinical research.

We would be pleased to provide more information and discuss the future of HIV and AIDS research. Please call The R+E Group Board of Directors Chair, Dr. Thomas T. Ward, at (503) 229-8428.