

## News Release

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### **Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Receive American Diabetes Association's Distinguished Service Award**

— *Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Presented with  
Award for Outstanding Service in Diabetes Research Funding* —

**Alexandria, VA (November 20, 2006)** – The American Diabetes Association (ADA), the nation's leading voluntary health organization in the fight against diabetes, announced today that Richard A. and Susan F. Smith received the Association's prestigious Award for Outstanding Service in Diabetes Research Funding at the organization's Community Volunteer Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting on November 18, in Dallas, Texas.

The Award for Outstanding Service in Diabetes Research Funding is presented to an individual or individuals in recognition of meritorious service and exceptional leadership in fund raising for diabetes research.

"On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we are delighted to present this prestigious award to Richard and Susan Smith," commented Larry Deeb, MD, President, Medicine & Science, American Diabetes Association. "Their contributions to the diabetes community and dedication to diabetes research directly support ADA's mission to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people living with diabetes."

For more than 35 years, the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation has been improving the quality of life in the greater Boston area by creating and funding numerous healthcare, education, and cultural initiatives.

Recognizing the growing epidemic of diabetes in Boston and throughout the nation, Richard and Susan Smith, have pledged generous support for several unique diabetes initiatives. The Smith Family Foundation has taken the lead in funding the first two ADA Pinnacle Program Project Awards. These awards were established to stimulate collaborations among investigators working on independent but complementary research projects in diabetes. Results of the Smith funding so far include the discovery of a primary genetic pathway for type 2 diabetes.

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The Smiths have also spearheaded a \$5 million initiative to improve diabetes care in at-risk communities in Boston. This five-year initiative involves five major health centers and includes intensive case management, diet and lifestyle coaching, and community outreach programs aimed at preventing diabetes-related complications and premature death.

In addition to improving the lives of others through their foundation, the Smiths stay personally involved in an incredible variety of initiatives and activities throughout the Boston area. Susan has been a trustee with the Dana Farber Cancer Institute for more than 30 years. She is also a trustee of the Boston Public Library Foundation, and was founder and Chairperson of the Women’s Cancers Program.

Richard is former Chairman of the Board of Harcourt General and the Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. He has served as chairman of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, trustee of the Joslin Diabetes Center and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and was a member of the Harvard Corporation governing board for ten years.

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body’s ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Nearly 21 million children and adults have diabetes. At least 54 million have pre-diabetes. Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death by disease in the United States and it has no cure.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation’s premier voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. The Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Founded in 1940, the Association provides services to hundreds of communities across the country. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.

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