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SADS Announces Sponsorship of PACES Dinner in Honor of Katherine Timothy

To Be Held at *Heart Rhythm 2008, the Heart Rhythm Society's 29th Annual Scientific Sessions*

Salt Lake City, UT—The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation is proud to announce its sponsorship of the May 14th Pediatric and Congenital Electrophysiology Society's (PACES) dinner at the *Heart Rhythm 2008, the Heart Rhythm Society's 29th Annual Scientific Sessions* in honor of Katherine Timothy, for her years of dedicated service in the area of Long QT research. Katherine is one of the original pioneers of LQT genetics, having developed the first large LQT family pedigree for genetic linkage studies in 1989. Along with Dr's G. Michael Vincent and Mark Keating, Katherine was instrumental in the discovery of the Long QT gene. She subsequently helped to found the SADS Foundation, for the purpose of raising awareness of and supporting families with Long QT Syndrome.



The SADS Foundation applauds Katherine's tireless efforts to make Long QT information accessible to the public and provide a place where families suffering with the disorder can find support. The SADS Foundation's successful reach to thousands of individuals with cardiac channelopathies is due, in major part, to the initiative and inspiration of Katherine Timothy.

Katherine's humanitarian contributions are also of note. She served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the SADS Foundation's Board of Directors for 15 years. She also provided leadership and assistance in the founding of the Periodic Paralysis and the Hearts of Pediatric Electrophysiologists Foundations, and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of both.

The SADS Foundation celebrates the life-long achievement of this remarkable woman and is pleased to honor her in front of her peers in the field of cardiac research at the PACES annual dinner on Wednesday, May 14th. The location will be the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, on 450 Powell Street, at 7:00pm.

The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation exists to save the lives and support the families of children and young adults who are genetically predisposed to sudden death due to heart rhythm abnormalities. SADS is the leader in educating and empowering arrhythmia patients and their families.