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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **NATIONAL PARKINSON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS**

*Non-Profit Organization Restructured Governance Model and Appointed New CEO and Vice Chairman*

MIAMI – (February 12, 2007) – The National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) announced today the appointment of Jose Garcia-Pedrosa as President and CEO and of Daniel Arty as Vice Chairman of the Board. As a result of the restructuring of the organization's governance model, the President and CEO will now be a member of its staff, as opposed to a volunteer member of the Board. This decision was voted upon by its Board of Directors at their annual meeting last week.

Jose Garcia-Pedrosa previously served as the National Parkinson Foundation's chief operating officer since he joined the staff in 2002. Garcia-Pedrosa brings over three decades of experience in key legal, government and civic leadership positions to the organization. During his tenure and under the direction of the Board of Directors, the Foundation has strengthened its educational, patient care and outreach efforts and has benefited from record-setting fundraising campaigns that have raised tens of millions of dollars used to finance Parkinson research and care.

Daniel Arty previously served as the organization's President. As Vice Chairman of the Board, he will continue to provide leadership and counsel for numerous aspects of the programming of the Foundation. Arty, a volunteer member of the organization is a certified public accountant at Arty, Cohn and Feuer, L.C.

"Jose and Daniel's commitment to the organization is truly remarkable and will enable us to achieve even more in the fight against this debilitating disease affecting so many people," stated NPF's Chairman Paul F. Oreffice. Chairman Emeritus Nathan Slewett added, "They will continue to be invaluable to the organization and its dual mission to improve the quality of life for those living with Parkinson disease and to fund the much needed research to find a cure."

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARKINSON FOUNDATION:**

Founded in 1957 and headquartered in Miami, the National Parkinson Foundation's dual mission is to find the cause of and cure for Parkinson disease and to improve the quality of life for those afflicted with the debilitating disease. NPF has invested over \$100 million in research and is equally dedicated to providing care, education and support services for persons whose lives are affected by Parkinson. Currently, the centerpiece of NPF's research, care and delivery system is its international network of 54 institutions worldwide that have achieved designation as NPF Centers of Excellence, Care Centers and Outreach Centers and through its 41 affiliated Chapters.

For a complete list of the organization's current Board of Directors, or for more information about how you can become involved, visit [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).