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NCBTMB DONATES \$50,000 TO THE MESSAGE THERAPY FOUNDATION

Gift Will Support Scientific Research, Education and Community Service

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (April 11, 2008) – The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) is pleased to announce a donation to the Massage Therapy Foundation in the amount of \$50,000.

“This gift from NCBTMB is the second largest donation the Foundation has ever received,” stated Diana L. Thompson, LMP, President of the Massage Therapy Foundation. “Having heard that we were short of our 2007 fundraising goal, NCB increased their pledge, exceeding our goal and pushing our campaign to an all-time high. This additional money will allow us to grant more funds for research and community service projects in 2008. We are sincerely grateful.”

The Massage Therapy Foundation is a 501(C)3 public charity, with a mission to “advance the knowledge and practice of massage by supporting scientific research, education and community service.”

The Foundation’s goal is to bring the benefits of massage therapy to the broadest spectrum of society through the generation, dissemination and application of knowledge in the field of massage therapy. It does this by receiving donations and awarding grants for research studies, community service programs, educational initiatives and conferences. The Foundation also provides direct consultation to the healthcare and research communities and educates massage therapists on various research topics.

“The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork supports the Foundation’s mission,” stated Donna Feeley, NCBTMB Board Chair. “We hope our financial support will have a significant impact on helping shape the future of massage therapy.”

ABOUT NCBTMB

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) was established in 1992 as an independent, private, nonprofit organization fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice

in the delivery of therapeutic massage and bodywork through a recognized credentialing program. NCBTMB examinations are currently accepted or recognized in statute or rule by 32 states plus the District of Columbia. There are currently more than 89,000 professionals with NCBTMB certification. The NCBTMB credentialing program has been accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) since 1993 and NCBTMB is currently pursuing American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation.

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