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Getting to the Heart of Hydrocephalus

12th National Conference on Hydrocephalus Goes to Washington

San Francisco, CA, May 7, 2012: The 12th Biennial Conference on Hydrocephalus will be held in Bethesda, MD from June 27th to July 1st at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. This biennial event is hosted by the Hydrocephalus Association as an opportunity for patients and families affected by hydrocephalus and the medical professionals who treat them to come together and educate themselves about this complex and incurable condition that affects an estimated 1,000,000 Americans of all ages.

Highlights of the conference include:

- *Climbing Capitol Hill for a Cure!* - Conference attendees will participate in a day of advocacy on Capitol Hill by visiting their Congressional representatives in Washington.
- Astronaut Navy Captain Mark Kelly and Dr. Story Landis, Director of the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) will be keynote speakers.
- Dr. Benjamin Warf of Boston Children's hospital will be discussing his humanitarian work bringing treatment for hydrocephalus to children in Africa.
- Over 40 educational workshops, presented by experts in the field of hydrocephalus
- Expecting over 500 individuals to attend

About the Hydrocephalus Association

The Hydrocephalus Association (HA) is a national organization dedicated to eliminating the challenges of hydrocephalus by stimulating research and supporting people who are affected by this condition. Incorporated in 1986 as a San Francisco-based non-profit, HA is now the nation's largest and most widely respected organization dedicated solely to hydrocephalus. HA has been instrumental in creating a community of individuals, families and health care professionals addressing the complexities of hydrocephalus in all age groups.
