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- FEBRUARY 22, 2010 PRESS RELEASE

Alcor Life Extension Foundation Attempts To Fulfill Wishes of Colorado Springs Woman

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

On February 9, 2010, Mary Robbins was pronounced legally dead. Ms. Robbins was a long-term member of Alcor Life Extension Foundation. Alcor is a science-based state-of-the-art research facility in Scottsdale, Arizona. Alcor preserves bodies at ultra-cold temperatures to achieve biostasis at a temperature at which all cell deterioration stops.

Prior to death, Ms. Robbins made a valid, written donation of her body to Alcor pursuant to the Colorado Disposition of Last Remains Act and Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. Ms. Robbins wanted to be cryopreserved, and she made her long-standing intentions known for years. Additionally, she made financial arrangements to pay for cryopreservation using a \$50,000 annuity with Alcor as the beneficiary.

Ms. Robbins's family is now claiming that her long-standing request to be cryopreserved was changed shortly before she died. However, Alcor has yet to receive any written documentation changing Ms. Robbins's wish to be cryopreserved.

Eric Bentley, the Colorado attorney for Alcor stated, "Alcor

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## Becoming an Alcor Member

Becoming an Alcor member is easy and surprisingly affordable, if you are in good health and eligible for life insurance, which will pay for your cryopreservation. (If you are not insurable, other financial arrangements can be made. Please ask us for details.)

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simply wants to fulfill the documented wishes of Ms. Robbins to be cryopreserved. Ms. Robbins was competent when she made arrangements to be cryopreserved, she expressed that intention in writing, and Alcor wants to carry out her wishes."

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- [CASE SUMMARY: A-2469 \(90th patient\)](#)

[Templeton, CA -- January 25th, 2010](#)

Alcor received emergency notification that the mother of one our members had tragically died as a result of a house fire.

Apparently, a space heater within the home had caused a small fire. While attempting to douse the fire, it spread out of control and she was unable to contain it. We believe she suffered a heart attack and collapsed as she exited the home. There was some burn trauma to the patient, however it was limited to the lower half of her body.

While her son is an Alcor member and her former husband has already been cryopreserved, she had not actively signed up for membership during her lifetime. Upon learning of the incident, the son wanted to provide his mother with one final gift, and immediately began to pursue signing her up through a third party membership. This requires Alcor Board approval and has to meet specific requirements before a vote is taken to grant the request. While this process takes some time to complete, it was handled on an emergency basis to prevent unnecessary delays. Another obstacle to overcome, due to the legal implications of her death, was the medical examiner is required to ensure that no foul play had been involved. The son persuaded the medical examiner to limit the scope of the autopsy to an external Commuted Tomography (CT) scan of the brain. This satisfied the legal requirements of the county while maintaining the structural integrity of the patient's brain.

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- [TECHNICAL COORDINATOR](#)

The [Alcor Life Extension Foundation](#), a 501(c)3 non- profit scientific and research organization, currently has an immediate opening for a Technical Coordinator at our Scottsdale, Arizona, facility. The Technical Coordinator is responsible for maintaining and operating equipment necessary to perform cryopreservation of humans in the field of cryonics. Cryonics is the experimental practice of using ultra- cold temperatures to preserve human life in a state that may be recoverable by future medicine. For four decades Alcor has developed and implemented innovative techniques in the field of cryonics. These techniques

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involve a combination of experimental interventions and conventional medical skills.

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- **READINESS COORDINATOR**

The [Alcor Life Extension Foundation](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit scientific and research organization, currently has an immediate opening for a Readiness Coordinator at our Scottsdale, Arizona, facility. The Readiness Coordinator is responsible for assisting with the stabilization and transport phases of cryonics, and for maintaining logistical readiness for cryonics cases. Cryonics is the experimental practice of using ultra-cold temperatures to preserve human life in a state that may be recoverable by future medicine. For four decades Alcor has developed and implemented innovative techniques in the field of cryonics. These techniques involve a combination of experimental interventions and conventional medical skills.

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- **READINESS AND TRANSPORT**

[Team Training](#)

The Arizona Regional Response Team held an afternoon of training on January 23rd at Alcor Central. With 19 volunteers attending, not including Alcor staff, this session was the largest turnout that Alcor has had in a long time. It is encouraging to see the return of strong local enthusiasm not only for our local members, but also for members that relocate to Scottsdale/Phoenix when they are facing terminal health issues. This training event was followed by a CryoFeast that was hosted by Bonnie Magee, Alcor's Finance Director. Thanks to Jack St. Claire for offering his home as the cryonics clubhouse in

Rescue Ice Bath Photo

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Scottsdale.

#### Member Watch List

We are continuing to see an increase in the level of members contacting Alcor in advance of their scheduled procedures, diagnostic tests or just updates on health developments. This type of proactive communication is exactly what we are promoting to better track our members' health issues.

During the course of January, our members had five different surgeries, four diagnostic tests and three members were diagnosed with cancer for the first time.

This increase raises Alcor's Orange Alert watch list to ten. To be tracked on this list a member may be diagnosed with a terminal condition; be undergoing a non-elective surgical procedure; or whose health is severely compromised due to an underlying medical condition.

- **NEW STATISTICS (As of January 31, 2010)**

#### Membership

Alcor had 915 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Six (6) memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, three (3) memberships were cancelled and one (1) member was cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of two (2) members this month.

#### Applicants

Alcor had 62 applicants for membership. Eight (8) new applicants were added and six (6) applicants were converted to members. Seven (7) applicants were cancelled for the following reasons: one (1) applicant changed his mind; and six (6) did not wish to pay the extended application fee to remain in the queue. There was a net loss of five (5) applicants for this month.

#### Information Packets

Alcor received 156 information packet requests. Eight (8) were handed out during facility tours or from special request. The average total of 156 info packs sent per month in 2010 is compared to 188 in 2009.

- **STATUS of CEO SEARCH**

Out of the seven candidates set aside for interviews, two were no longer available and one changed her mind. The four remaining candidates were interviewed. Recently there has been an increase in new applications and resumes submitted to the committee. From these new applicants there are five additional candidates the committee would like to interview.

- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 AM (MT). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

- **THE CRYONICS TECHNOLOGY PROGRESS CONFERENCE**

Where: Terasem Central in Melbourne, Central East coast of Florida

When: April 9, 10, 11, 2010-- Schedule to be available late February.

Cryonics technology is more advanced than even most signed up cryonicists realize.

Most people in the scientific community do not realize what progress has been made and most cryonicists do not realize the protocols and technologies that have been developed in the service of making cryonics a true "evidence based technology."

Details of cryonics protocols, procedures, and logistics from start to finish --Confirmed presenters include Alcor Life Extension Foundation Transport Coordinator - Aaron Drake; Cryonics Institute President - Ben Best; and Suspended Animation, Inc. General Manager - Catherine Baldwin. Suspended Animation, Inc. protocols and technologies are now available for members of both CI and Alcor.

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- **DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON ALCOR WEBSITE**

Now our valued supporters can [make a charitable donation](#) anytime just by clicking the "Donate" button on the Alcor website.

Alcor has a long, proud tradition of innovation and technical excellence in the field of cryonics. Your gift will make a difference in our quest for better cryopreservations.

Your decision to DONATE is sincerely appreciated. Remember donations are tax deductible.

- **ALCOR NEWS BLOG**

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up-to-date information.

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