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**American Parkinson Disease Association Is Proud To Join
Parkinson’s Action Network’s Unified Partners Program***New program allows Parkinson’s-related organizations to formally support the Parkinson’s Action Network and strengthen the unified voice for better treatments and a cure for Parkinson’s disease*

(**New York, NY, June 3, 2015**) – The American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) announces it has joined The Parkinson’s Action Network (PAN) Unified Partners Program.

PAN’s Unified Partners Program allows Parkinson’s-related organizations to formally support PAN’s work and strengthen the unified voice for better treatments and a cure for Parkinson’s disease.

“We are thrilled to have APDA formally join PAN in our mission,” said Ted Thompson, J.D., chief executive officer of PAN. “PAN has always served as the unified voice for the Parkinson’s community in Washington, DC. This new program will allow PAN and the Unified Partners to drive more people to take action on federal policy issues that affect the one million Americans with Parkinson’s disease.”

As part of the Unified Partners Program, PAN offers organizations opportunities to get more deeply engaged on policy discussions that affect people with Parkinson’s, their families, and their caregivers. Unified Partners and their supporters will have a more streamlined way to provide PAN with regular feedback that will inform policy objectives and strategies. PAN will provide the Unified Partners with public policy and communications resources to help facilitate more education and engagement with government officials.

“APDA is truly excited as we join forces with PAN to affect policy changes that will directly impact and improve the quality of life for those coping with PD,” said Leslie A. Chambers, APDA President & CEO. “We are proud of our vast nationwide grassroots network and confident that our collective resources now as a PAN Unified Partner will play an important role in the legislative process while continuing to live out our mission to *Ease the Burden – Find the Cure* for millions of people impacted each day.”

Learn more about the Unified Partners Program at ParkinsonsAction.org/about-pan/unified-partners.

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**About the American Parkinson Disease Association**APDA was founded in 1961 with the dual purpose to *Ease the Burden - Find the Cure* for Parkinson’s disease. In that time, APDA has raised and invested more than $86 million to fund research, patient services and education, and elevate public awareness. As the country’s largest Parkinson’s grassroots organization, APDA is here to serve the more than one million Americans with Parkinson’s disease and their families through a nationwide network of Chapters, Information and Referral (I&R) Centers, and support groups. APDA also funds Centers for Advanced Research and awards grants to fund the most promising research toward discovering the cause(s) and finding the cure for Parkinson’s disease.

**About the Parkinson’s Action Network**PAN is the unified voice of the Parkinson’s community advocating for better treatments and a cure. In partnership with other Parkinson’s organizations and our powerful grassroots network, PAN educates the public and government leaders on better policies for research and an improved quality of life for people living with Parkinson’s. PAN was founded in 1991 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To learn more, visit ParkinsonsAction.org.