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BAHEP welcomes American Heart Association

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS – The American Heart Association (AHA) is a non-profit organization devoted to saving people from heart disease and stroke – the two leading causes of death in the world. AHA teams with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases.

The Dallas-based association is the nation’s oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. A pioneering group of physicians and social workers formed the first Association for the Prevention and Relief of Heart Disease in New York City in 1915. Recognizing the need for a national organization to share research findings and promote further study, six cardiologists representing several groups founded the American Heart Association in 1924. The AHA has a chapter in the Bay Area and Galveston, which has recently become a member of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

BAHEP President Bob Mitchell noted, “Heart disease and stroke affect nearly every family to some degree. The American Heart Association, through its research and education, has truly made a difference for nearly 100 years. We are happy to welcome the Bay Area and Galveston branch to our BAHEP family.”

Michelle Stoddard is the senior director for the American Heart Association in the Bay Area and Galveston. She commented, “The American Heart Association is dedicated to building healthier lives. Community outreach plays a big role in this, and I look forward to our association with BAHEP and its members.”

The AHA website at www.heart.org provides a wealth of information on healthy living, education, and research. The local American Heart Association can also be contacted at 346.315.8118.

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