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CRITICAL PATH INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF CRITICAL PATH FOUNDATION

Foundation to foster a global community of philanthropists to improve health and save lives

Tucson, Arizona, September 16, 2011 – Critical Path Institute (C-Path) announced today the launch of the Critical Path Foundation and the Foundation’s executive leadership team. A 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Foundation’s sole purpose is to generate the philanthropy needed to support C-Path’s programs and mission.

Former U.S. Senator Robert (Bob) F. Bennett will lead the Foundation as its President. Senator Bennett will be in Tucson Monday, September 19 through Wednesday, September 21 to meet key members of the Southern Arizona community at several, local events.

C-Path has experienced extraordinary programmatic growth and groundbreaking scientific advances since its inception in 2005. However, continued philanthropic support is essential for C-Path to execute its mission to improve health and save lives by accelerating the development of safe, effective medical products.

According to Raymond Woosley, MD, PhD, President and CEO of C-Path, “Despite remarkable scientific breakthroughs and medical advances, hundreds of thousands of people suffer needlessly and die early deaths while waiting for potential cures that are still in development. The financial support C-Path receives from grants and philanthropy enables its global consortia to develop the tools that are needed to get therapies to patients more quickly and reliably.”

“C-Path is advancing new therapies, creating jobs for our local community, and bringing global attention to Tucson as an innovation engine. With the addition of Senator Bennett and the Foundation’s new staff to C-Path’s already impressive team of scientists and executives, C-Path will continue to accelerate development of life-saving medicines for patients,” said Jim Click, Jr., Southern Arizona businessman and longtime C-Path supporter.

Critical Path Foundation Staff

Former U.S. Senator **Robert (Bob) F. Bennett** will lead the Foundation as its President. Senator Bennett served eighteen years in the United States Senate representing the State of Utah. Throughout his career he has been a passionate supporter of improving healthcare through innovation. He was one of the early advocates for personalized medicine and the FDA’s critical path public private partnerships that helped launch C-Path.

Kim Bourn serves as the Foundation’s Vice President. She has more than 20 years of experience in philanthropic and business development. Her experience includes working with the Southern Arizona Komen Breast Cancer

Foundation, Greater Tucson Leadership, the University of Arizona's Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, Tucson Medical Center, the Zuckerman Community Outreach Foundation, and the Tucson Children's Museum.

Berrett Stradford, the Foundation's Development Program Manager, will work to generate philanthropic support for the organization. Stradford comes to the Foundation from the University of Arizona Health Network, where she worked in government relations and assisted with philanthropic efforts.

About Critical Path Institute (C-Path): An independent, non-profit organization established in 2005 with public and private philanthropic support from the Southern Arizona community, Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz), and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), C-Path is committed to improving health and saving lives by accelerating the development of safe, effective medicines. An international leader in forming collaborations around this mission, C-Path has established global, public-private partnerships that currently include over 1,000 scientists from government regulatory agencies, academia, patient advocacy organizations, and thirty five major pharmaceutical companies. C-Path is headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, with offices in Phoenix, Arizona, and Rockville, Maryland. For more information, visit www.c-path.org and follow us on Facebook. Click [here](#) to view a video showing why the work of C-Path is essential.

Creating collaborations that advance scientific innovations to improve human health and save lives by accelerating the development of safe, effective medicines.

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