John & Marcia Goldman Foundation Donates to NIH Ebola Research

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Bethesda, MD., 11.5.14 – In the first donation of its kind for the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH), the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation has awarded $25,000 to support Ebola research in West Africa conducted by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the National Institutes of Health.

The grant from the San Francisco-based foundation will support research by the NIAID Division of Clinical Research.

The National Institutes of Health has formed a partnership with the Liberian Ministry of Health to launch several research initiatives to combat Ebola. Projects are being developed to conduct research on promising therapeutics and vaccines.

West Africa is experiencing the most severe Ebola epidemic ever recorded. The epidemic has surpassed 9,000 cumulative reported cases, including more than 4,500 documented deaths according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The West African country of Liberia is among the hardest hit in the current Ebola outbreak.

The John & Marcia Goldman Foundation (www.jmgoldmanfoundation.org), which was established in 1997, focuses its grants on the areas of youth, health and the arts.

In addition to work on Ebola, the NIAID, which is directed by Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., oversees an extensive portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose and treat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, influenza, tuberculosis, malaria and illness from potential agents of bioterrorism.

For more information about Ebola, including its signs and symptoms, research and statistics, please consult the following:

NIH: http://www.nih.gov/health/ebola.htm

NIAID: http://www.niaid.nih.gov/topics/ebolaMarburg/research/Pages/default.aspx
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