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**HeadNorth Foundation Presents \$50,000 Check  
to UCSD's Center for Neural Repair**

San Diego, CA (Aug 6, 2007)—HeadNorth Foundation, a San Diego-based nonprofit foundation that exists to enhance the quality of life for people faced with the daily challenges of a spinal cord injury, presented a check for \$50,000 to the Center for Neural Repair's Spinal Cord Regeneration Research Program, part of the School of Medicine of UCSD, on July 19.

The donation will fund research into spinal cord regeneration. Led by Dr. Mark Tuszynski, the Spinal Cord Regeneration Research Program conducts pre-clinical research that aims to develop practical therapies that could lead to clinical trials for spinal cord injury.

“It is important to us to support research programs especially those like the one at UCSD who collaborate with other labs to maximize scientific outcomes” said Randal Schober, executive director of the HeadNorth Foundation. “We hope that through research we will one day be able to find a cure for paralysis.”

Since its inception, the HeadNorth Foundation has raised over \$700,000 for its mission and are looking forward to this being the first of many donations to the Center for Neural Repair.

“There has been a significant advance in the body of scientific knowledge related to spinal cord injury over the last 15 years,” said Tuszynski. “We aim to focus research on the most practical and productive approaches to spinal cord regeneration, pursuing both rigorous standards of scientific research and practical models for translation of potential therapies to humans.”

HeadNorth Foundation was founded after Eric Northbrook, a prominent member of San Diego's real estate community, was injured in a motorcycle accident in January of 2006 that left him paralyzed. Through the overwhelming support of his family, friends and colleagues, Eric and his family started HeadNorth Foundation in order to help others with spinal cord injuries.



The Foundation's primary goal is to enhance the quality of life for those afflicted with spinal cord injuries by providing guidance, resources and financial assistance.

Eric's positive attitude and active lifestyle has been an inspiration to others. HeadNorth Foundation has received overwhelming support within the real estate industry and beyond. For more information, visit [www.headnorth.org](http://www.headnorth.org).

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**Photo Caption (left to right):** Dr. Mark Tuszynski of the Spinal Cord Regeneration Research Program receives a check for \$50,000 from Eric Northbrook, founder of HeadNorth Foundation.