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SARCOMA FOUNDATION OF AMERICA ENLISTS ANTHONY FEDOROV AS SPOKESPERSON

Maryland (February 22, 2007) — The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) is delighted to announce that Anthony Fedorov, an American Idol® finalist, will be our 2007 spokesperson. Anthony, who lost his brother Denis to Sarcoma a few months ago, has decided to focus his energies to create awareness of the disease and drive our fundraising efforts to find a cure. Fedorov will also perform at SFA's Annual Gala held May 21st, 2007, which will take place at New York's Marriott Marquis Hotel. Tickets will be available on the website beginning March 1st. If you cannot attend the event or wish to make a donation to the SFA in Denis Fedorov's name, please do so on our website. Anthony was born in the Ukraine in 1985 to a very musical family. His grandmother sang opera and, what can be called, Russian "country" music and his father plays guitar and accordion. As a very young child Anthony was stricken with a growth in his throat, which needed removal. The doctors feared that removal of the growth would result in his inability to ever speak. For a considerable time that was true. But, with the strength and caring of his family, Anthony overcame that hurdle. At the age of 9, Anthony moved with his family to the USA. His only words in English at that time were 'thank you', which he learned in school in Russia. By age 10 he was speaking fluent English and by age 14 he was singing with the promise of the powerful voice to come in the clubs and restaurants around his hometown of Philadelphia and within New York leading to American Idol where

he became the top 4 finalist on season 4. Anthony continues to tour and perform live. He is working on solo material with some of music's most successful songwriters. Aside from the fame he has enjoyed from his experience competing on American Idol, Anthony has remained true to his passion of creating and performing great music. Here is a personal message from Anthony: I became the spokesperson for the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) to help raise funds for research and a cure. Sarcoma is a common type of cancer among young children and young adults. As you all know my brother Denis passed away a few months ago from a Sarcoma cancer. Sarcoma can be called a "building block" or "fundamental" cancer. This means if doctors can study it, understand how it behaves and in turn find a cure, they can also help to better understand the more complicated and prevalent cancers that endanger millions of people around the world. Almost 20% of all cancers within children are caused by Sarcoma. Like in my brother's case, this cancer very often gets misdiagnosed. The most important thing to know is if someone has constant aches and pains anywhere, don't ignore it! If a doctor says it's nothing, get a second opinion from a Sarcoma doctor. By working with this organization, I hope to make a BIG difference in the lives of many other families and eliminate as much pain as possible. I'm committed to SFA, and to finding a cure for the countless people stricken with this disease. "We are thrilled to have Anthony represent our voice to the public and bring better awareness and education to the doctors throughout the United States," stated executive director Matthew Alsante. "Anthony's recent loss of his brother from this disease is one of the countless stories we hear from our patients and survivors. Since almost 20% of all cancers in children are sarcoma, it is even more important to provide a national focus. We know Anthony will help spread our message, and in turn, facilitate research funding for the cure."

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Quick Facts About Sarcoma

Sarcoma is a rare cancer in adults (1 percent of all adult cancers) but rather prevalent in children (about 20 percent of all childhood cancers). At any one time, 50,000 patients and their families are struggling with sarcoma. Every year, about 10,000 new cases are diagnosed, and about 5,000 people die from sarcoma.

About the Sarcoma Foundation of America

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization, is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with sarcoma. SFA raises its own funds to provide research grants to sarcoma researchers. SFA also interacts with public, private for-profit, and private non-profit organizations to raise awareness of the treatment needs of sarcoma patients. For more information, please visit www.curesarcoma.org.