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New Research Center Focuses On Improving Health of U.S. Troops and Veterans

Alexandria, VA – October 1, 2007 – The Samueli Institute opened the Center for Research on Integrative Medicine in the Military (CRIMM) October 1 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. More than 100 researchers, supporters and military partners attended the ceremony at the Samueli Institute's new offices in Alexandria, VA. The CRIMM, in collaboration with military stakeholders and academic institutions across the country, will conduct research on non-pharmaceutical and non-surgical ways to enhance performance, manage chronic pain, and reduce stress disorders for U.S. troops and veterans.

"CRIMM aims to improve the well-being of our troops and veterans by identifying, investigating, and evaluating complementary and integrative medical approaches to health care. I'm pleased with the military's interest in cutting edge integrative medicine techniques. Any medical breakthroughs that benefit our military don't stop at the waters edge; they will be applicable to all Americans," said U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va who participated in the ribbon-cutting. Henry and Susan Samueli, the founders of the Samueli Institute, recognized Rep. Moran for his ongoing support of military medical research and also spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new military research center will be housed within the Samueli Institute, a nonprofit, medical research organization that has conducted complementary and integrative medicine research for the past six years. The Center will build on existing Institute work with military partners such as Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the National Naval Medical Center, Malcom Grow Medical Center (U.S. Air Force) and Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The Center will also work in conjunction with civilian partners such as Georgetown University, Indiana University School of Medicine, and the RAND Corporation.

"We are dedicated to exploring all means of healing those who are put in harm's way in defense of our freedom and security," said Joan Walter, J.D., Vice President, Center for Research on Integrative Medicine in the Military.

About The Samueli Institute

The Samueli Institute, a non-profit medical research organization, supports the scientific investigation of healing processes and their application to health and disease.

The Institute's mission is two-fold: explore the scientific foundations of healing, and apply that understanding to improving medicine and health care. The Institute is part of an elite group of organizations in the United States with a solid track record in complementary and integrative medicine, and healing relationships and military research. Visit us at www.SamueliInstitute.org.

PICTURE ATTACHED:

CUTLINE-- U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va, Susan Samueli and Henry Samueli cut the ribbon on the Samueli Institute's Center for Research on Integrative Medicine in the Military, a new research center, located in Alexandria, Va., that focuses on improving the health of U.S. troops and veterans.

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