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Houston, We Have A Mission, Benefit to Raise Money for Parkinson's Research

Houston, Texas, September 8, 2011 –The KiMe Fund founded in 2010 focuses on funding research to find a cure for Parkinson's disease. KiMe will host its first fundraiser in the Bay Area on Saturday, November 5 from 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the League City Civic Center located at 400 West Walker in League City. Former Astronaut Rich Clifford is the featured dinner speaker and will share his unique story of taking his spacewalk a decade ago while battling Parkinson's disease. Having flown three shuttle missions, Clifford's current mission is helping to find a cure for Parkinson's. A live and silent auction and dancing is part of this special evening's line-up of events. Music will be provided by PRP Entertainment Company.

"This is our first Houston area fundraiser and we are honored that Rich Clifford will be our guest speaker to help raise awareness in our community about Parkinson's. We are very excited with the overwhelming interest we have received from the Clear Lake/Bay Area to contribute to funding medical research for finding a cure for this disease," said Steve Hodges, Founder and Chairman, KiMe Fund. "We know there are many who have Parkinson's or know someone close to them with this disease. With the help from our donors, I am confident we will reach our objective of finding a cure."

Donations for the dinner are \$50 per person. Sponsorship for a table of eight is welcomed at \$500, or tables of ten at \$ 750, \$1,000 or \$2,500.

To order tickets or get further information, contact Betsy Hodges at 281-538-3180 or holbet0525@verizon.net.

The KiMe Fund is a fund of East Tennessee Foundation (ETF), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit community foundation.

"KiMe" is the founder's shorthand for his daughters Kim and Megan. It is symbolic of the drive to cure neurological disorders for the next generation of children everywhere.

About East Tennessee Foundation

East Tennessee Foundation was established in 1986 and has total assets of \$ 155.6 million with 360 funds. For more information, please visit www.easttennesseefoundation.org.

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