



**ACG Chicago Hosts The Midwest Healthcare M&A Conference:
Finding Growth Opportunities in the Changing Landscape**

Marwood Group's Brian Fortune to keynote leading to Chicago Success Stories

CHICAGO, March 24, 2010 — On April 13, middle-market experts in healthcare funding and the healthcare industry will gather at the Association for Corporate Growth Chicago (ACG Chicago) Midwest Healthcare M&A Conference to celebrate the heartland's leadership in healthcare and learn how to identify, analyze and capture the exponential opportunities in growth amidst this dramatically changing industry.

Tom Turmell, ACG Chicago Director, Chair of the conference and Managing Director of TMT Capital Partners outlines why this conference now, "We have all witnessed the grueling debate in Washington and know this will effect our dealmaking as well as personal lives. Clearly Chicago's leadership in healthcare should allow us to latch onto the newest changes to continue driving new growth and development worldwide."

The 'Midwest Healthcare M&A Conference' will take place at The Standard Club in Chicago. Brian Fortune, Chief Political Strategist of The Marwood Group will lead off the breakfast keynote by outlining the key challenges facing investors in the healthcare industry. Nationally known Fortune will delve into how the recent legislation, technology and innovation have changed the healthcare business world dramatically. And emphasize the one aspect of business that remains as important as ever: knowledge of the constantly changing marketplace. The Marwood Group, a healthcare advisory and financial services firm headquartered in New York City with offices in Washington, DC and London.

CEOs and senior executives plus Partners from Serra Ventures, Apex Venture Partners, Code Hennessey & Simmons bring real life experiences to the morning insights by exploring Coramed Technologies, iCyt Missions Technologies, Initiate Systems, Ovation Pharmaceuticals, Suture Express, and recent Walgreens deals. "The dramatic increase in recent deals highlights the dominant position our Midwestern leaders play in the evolution of healthcare. We're honored to have these six Chicago Success Stories from the last few months describe their deal experiences and expectations for growth." said Craig Miller, CEO of ACG Chicago.



In addition to these in-depth sessions, Conference Co-chair Barry Freeman, partner at Summer Street Capital will moderate a panel of industry leaders on the most active sectors and greatest investment opportunities in the current market. This 'What's Hot' session will include professionals who have first hand knowledge of the market, the expectations and realities of Healthcare M&A. Joining Freeman are Anne Phelps of The Washington Counsel E&Y, Greg Browne of CapitalSource, Brian Miller of Linden Capital Partners, and David Koo of RoundTable Healthcare Partners.

Following the networking luncheon, leading investment bankers in the healthcare industry will host private meetings with private equity firms attending the conference to share their upcoming investment opportunities. For registration and information about the ACG Chicago Healthcare M&A Conference, visit www.ACGChicago.com or call us at 877-ACG-Network [877-224-6389].

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