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THORNE RESEARCH MAKES MAJOR GIFT TO FOUNDATIONS OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE PROJECT

Partnership will include collaboration to support quality of life during healing for oncology patients

Seattle, Washington – July 7, 2013. A gift of \$150,000 from **Thorne Research, Inc.**, is the company's first donation to *The Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine Project (FNM)* and is a significant step toward completion of a comprehensive textbook for naturopathic and integrative medical education. This five-year long project is an international collaboration of more than 300 authors, editors, colleges, and agencies in the naturopathic medicine community.

As part of this new partnership, *FNM* will also work with **Thorne Research** to engage the “collaborative oncology ecosystem,” which includes patients, primary care physicians, naturopathic oncologists, MD oncologists, integrative oncologists, oncology nurses, nutritionists, social workers, and other cancer treatment specialists. The desired goal is expanded holistic cancer treatment support for patients that can be achieved through greater integration of evidence-based natural and conventional care.

Will McCamy, President of **Thorne Research** stated, “Many individuals today who have cancer seek a holistic approach to their treatment and integration of care between the natural healing professions of licensed integrative providers and their conventional oncologist.” He added, “We are excited that our gift will have two important impacts that are consistent with **Thorne Research** goals: First, publication of a crucial textbook that will support the naturopathic medicine profession and advance the understanding of health and healing, and second, **Thorne Research's** collaboration with *FNM* and the wider community of integrative health-care will build bridges that strengthen the oncology ecosystem for a cancer patient's health and healing.”

For Pamela Snider, ND, executive and senior editor of the *FNM Project* and a recent cancer patient herself, **Thorne Research's** gift has particularly personal resonance. Dr. Snider experienced first-hand the urgent need for more bridges between naturopathic physicians, oncologists, integrative oncologists, oncology nurses, and hospital oncologists. According to Dr. Snider, “In my own experience, and in talking with other cancer patients and doctors, it is clear that quality of life during healing impacts the healing process. Patients and their families deserve the full spectrum of care and, for their sake, we want our providers to work together in partnership.” She went on to say, “We are thrilled to have such a globally respected and research-focused nutritional supplement company partner with us in this endeavor.”

The complex and comprehensive nature of the *FNM* textbook makes it the first of its kind within naturopathic medicine and is in response to needs expressed by the naturopathic medical education, clinical, health-care, and scientific community. It incorporates and builds on the evidence-informed naturopathic practice and scholarship that has accumulated over 100 years integrated with 21st-century research from a variety of disciplines.

The publication by Elsevier of *The Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine – The Healing Power of Nature* is expected in 2014. The partnership to create bridges through the collaborative oncology ecosystem will begin immediately.

About Thorne Research, Inc.

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About *Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine Project*

As a growing international community of scholars, with over 300 naturopathic physicians in a dozen countries and thought-leaders from related disciplines participating in the writing of the *Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine* textbook, *FNM* is leading a network of scholarly inquiry among the profession's schools, associations, and agencies in a dynamic effort to advance naturopathic medicine globally. National College of Natural Medicine, in Portland, is the academic home of *FNM*. Further information on *FNM* is available at www.foundationsproject.com.

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