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**New Non-Profit Launches Program to Inspire Purpose in People's Lives**  
*Young adults with life-threatening illnesses can apply for Life Grants.*

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif., Dec. 1, 2007 – Young adults with life-threatening illnesses can get the support and resources needed to realize their dreams through Life Grants. The Cameron Siemers Foundation for Hope will provide each recipient with \$5,000 and a coach who will give guidance in achieving the recipient's vision. Life Grants will be awarded to projects that show potential for making a difference in people's lives.

"Children with life-threatening illnesses need support as they transition into adulthood," stated Cameron Siemers, the president and founder of the Foundation. Siemers was diagnosed with HIV at age 7 and was told he would not live past age 10. He is now 25. "I was blessed with a future doctors said I wasn't supposed to have. And now I want to use that future to help others like me."

Due to advances in treatment for life-threatening illnesses, many young adults are surpassing their life expectancies. Medication costs can prevent people from obtaining a job due to problems with qualifying for health insurance. Life Grants present an opportunity to create life goals and achieve dreams.

The Cameron Siemers Foundation for Hope will provide four Life Grants each year. To be eligible, applicants need to have been diagnosed with a life-threatening condition at some point in their lives, and they must be between ages 18 and 28 by the submission deadline. Applications are available at <http://cameronsiemers.org/life-grants>.

Donations to the Cameron Siemers Foundation for Hope can be sent to P.O. Box 1074, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Donations can be made online at <http://cameronsiemers.org/donate>.

"We invite young adults with life-threatening illnesses to imagine, apply and create what their lives are about," stated Executive Director Yvonne Altamirano. "Life Grants can be used for community programs, new businesses, or other creations."

*The Cameron Siemers Foundation for Hope engages in education, support and advocacy to inspire hope and possibility in young adults who are living with life-threatening illnesses.*

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