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\$10.8M DRIVES MRN WORK TO PREVENT AUTISM, EPILEPSY, ADDICTION

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—Keeping at-risk children and adolescents free of brain disease is a focus of studies funded by more than \$10.8 million in recent awards to The Mind Research Network (MRN).

“The grants will boost MRN studies into addiction with great emphasis on preventing drug and alcohol abuse by adolescents,” said MRN President and CEO John Rasure, PhD. “The awards will also dramatically accelerate our early childhood development programs, and we expect the research to help us better understand what causes epilepsy and autism in youngsters.”

The funding will also support MRN breakthroughs in the study of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, and the grants will help MRN build what is already one of the most comprehensive brain data bases in the world. Using advanced imaging techniques and genetics research, MRN is dedicated to finding better tools for early diagnosis, intervention and ultimately cures for mental illness, other brain diseases and brain injury. By the end of 2010, MRN will have 53 active research projects for a total of \$77million in awards.

The National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation and the State of New Mexico are among the agencies making grants to MRN. Collaborators for the research include Sandia National Laboratories, the University of California-Irvine, the Radiological Society of North America, the University of Southern California, the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of New Mexico.

MRN is a nonprofit organization founded in Albuquerque twelve years ago by U.S. Senator Pete Domenici (Ret., N.M.). Since 1998, MRN has expanded into a multi-million dollar facility with world-class status in the bioscience industry. MRN employs 160 people with a payroll of \$7.75 million. MRN has been listed as New Mexico’s second largest biotech company by *New Mexico Business Weekly*.

For more information on The Mind Research Network, visit our website at www.mrn.org. MRN’s “2010 Research Report” with details on the past year’s advancements is also available at our web site. You can also contact MRN Communications Director Lisa Breeden at lbreeden@mrn.org or (505) 681-7110.