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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Introducing Communication Access, Inc., (CAI) a newly formed charitable organization that serves the needs of people with hearing loss.

The mission of Communication Access, Inc., is to serve the needs of people with hearing loss by providing:

- Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) Services
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Mental Health Counseling
- Education
- Advocacy

CAI was incorporated in August of 2007, held its first board meetings in September and November of 2007, and received the 501©(3) designation from the IRS on February 19th, 2008.

The eight members of the board include three CART Consumers (people with hearing loss), three Certified CART Providers, two Licensed Mental Health and Rehabilitation Counselors (one is also a CART Consumer), and a business consultant.

The non-profit organizations for which we provide services include Hearing Loss Association of America support group chapters, the Association of Late-Deafened Adults, the Deaf and Hearing Connection of Tampa Bay, the Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Manatee and Sarasota Counties, etc.

On May 16th, 2008, from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m., CAI will be having a kick-off fundraiser – “Caring for Our Community” Cocktail Reception at the Tampa Club, downtown Tampa. The organization is currently soliciting sponsors for this event, as well as donations for raffle prizes, silent auction, and live auction.

It is the vision of Communication Access, Inc., to enhance the quality of lives for people with hearing loss by providing coping strategies and solutions to communication barriers in their personal and professional relationships and in various environments in our society.

Please visit our website to meet the board, register for our Cocktail Reception, become a sponsor, make a donation, and learn more about our new non-profit charitable organization: www.CommunicationAccess.org.

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