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PROTECTED TOMORROWS GOES GLOBAL AS IT ESTABLISHES A PRESENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BEYOND

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL (May 22, 2012) - Protected Tomorrows, a Chicago area-based advocacy firm for the special needs community, has named its first international team member, as it connects globally with more professionals who have a passion to serve people with disabilities.

David Abbey, an accomplished financial planner in Coventry, England, has brought the Protected Tomorrows Future Care Plan system to families in the United Kingdom. Abbey is the founder of MySafeHome, an organization that enables people with disabilities to buy a home, and now has established MySafeFuture to represent the Protected Tomorrows concept in the U.K.

"Since most financial advisors don't have the time to develop additional expertise in this unique arena, our program efficiently provides the fundamental knowledge they need to not only understand the underlying issues for these families, but also take these families through the future care process," said Mary Anne Ehlert, founder of Protected Tomorrows.

The Future Care Plan is a comprehensive way to address the unique fears, hopes and dreams of individuals with special needs and their families. The proprietary eight-step program guides families through the complex world of government benefits, legal planning and financial considerations.

An estimated 10 million people in Great Britain are disabled. In the U.S., the number stands close to 55 million. Globally, 1 billion people have a disability of some type. Protected Tomorrows focuses on families dealing with developmental, cognitive and mental disabilities such as autism, bipolar disorder and Alzheimer's disease – all disabilities on the rise, especially as medical advances allow people to live longer.

"There is such a need to serve this population of people worldwide," Ehlert added. "We expect to extend our reach into other countries; already we have interest from professionals in such nations as Canada and Australia to better understand the unique planning required for the special needs communities in those countries."

Abbey will join a growing team of Advocates across the U.S. who are licensed to use the Future Care Plan model when working with special needs clients.

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Additionally, dozens of other people serving families with special needs are part of the Protected Tomorrows Financial Professional Membership Program. Members of the program include financial planners, insurance providers and investment advisors who want to mitigate their risk and grow their business when working with this special group of people. Protected Tomorrows provides online learning and counsel so these professionals understand how best to communicate with their clients and the latest laws concerning people with special needs.

For more information on Protected Tomorrows, the Financial Professional Membership Program or Advocate training, call (847) 522-8086, or visit protectedtomorrows.com.

About Protected Tomorrows

Protected Tomorrows, Inc., headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Lincolnshire, is the leader in enhancing the lives of families with members who have special needs. By guiding families through its comprehensive, proprietary planning process, Protected Tomorrows helps families plan a safe and fulfilling life for a loved one by creating a Future Care Plan™. Through their work with clients and the family's advisors, and alongside of other advocates and legislators, Protected Tomorrows addresses many concerns of families with special needs such as: future care funding, government benefits, legal considerations, residential options, employment opportunities, recreational choices, education options and family communication. For questions, contact us at info@protectedtomorrows.com or visit www.protectedtomorrows.com.

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