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Global Alzheimer's Platform (GAP) Foundation Launches Partnership with Lyft to Transport Clinical Trial Participants to and from Clinical Research Facilities across North America

Lyft drivers will transport clinical trial participants to and from GAP-Net research sites

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Mar. 20, 2018) – The [Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation](#) has launched a partnership with [Lyft](#) to provide transportation for Alzheimer's clinical trial participants to and from research sites. The partnership began on Feb. 20 with a pilot in California. Transportation will be available for participants and care partners who are part of Eli Lilly and Company's (Lilly) study [TRAILBLAZER-ALZ](#), an Alzheimer's disease clinical trial testing a combination therapy designed to attack amyloid plaque, one of the key hallmarks of Alzheimer's, in the brain.

GAP's core mission is to reduce the time and cost of Alzheimer's disease clinical trials and thereby deliver treatments to those in need more quickly. To that end, GAP established [GAP-Net](#), a network of 63 top academic and private Alzheimer's research sites in the country. A key benefit of this extensive network is the ability to identify major trends and opportunities to improve clinical trial processes and recruitment.

GAP identified lack of transportation as a significant challenge for clinical trial participants. Many do not have convenient and affordable means to get to and from a research site on a regular basis. GAP listened to these participants and researchers and created this partnership in less than 9 months. GAP's partnership with Lyft is an unprecedented effort to provide free clinical-trial related transportation for participants and caregivers.

"This partnership with Lyft will help remove an important barrier for clinical trial participants – transportation," said John Dwyer, President of the Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation. "Our many GAP-Net centers across the country significantly contribute to advancements in Alzheimer's research. By using Lyft for our centers enrolling participants in TRAILBLAZER-ALZ, we hope more individuals will participate in this drug trial. Our partnership with Lyft makes the trial experience as easy as possible for study participants and their study partners."

15 GAP-Net sites are currently part of the partnership. They are:

- Axiom Clinical Research – Tampa, FL
- Banner Alzheimer's Institute – Phoenix, AZ
- Banner Sun Health Research Institute – Sun City, AZ
- Bioclinica – Melbourne, FL
- Bioclinica – Orlando, FL
- Bioclinica – The Villages, FL
- Brain Matters Research – Delray Beach, FL
- Indiana University School of Medicine – Indianapolis, IN
- Irvine Center for Clinical Research, Inc. – Irvine, CA

- Progressive Medical Research – Port Orange, FL
- Raleigh Neurology Associates – Raleigh, NC
- Re:Cognition Health – Fairfax, VA
- Stedman Clinical Trials – Tampa, FL
- Syrentis Clinical Research – Santa Ana, CA
- Toronto Memory Program – Toronto, Canada

In addition to the GAP-Lyft partnership in support of a specific Alzheimer’s disease trial, GAP is funding initial Lyft accounts to ensure all 63 GAP-Net sites can offer free transportation for their clinical trial participants. For a list of GAP-Net sites with Lyft service for TRAILBLAZER-ALZ and those joining soon, click [here](#).

“We’re excited to partner with the Global Alzheimer’s Platform to make clinical trials more accessible. Removing transportation barriers for this population, which has traditionally faced significant transit challenges, will help immensely” said Gyre Renwick, VP of Lyft Business. “Together, we’re working to address a disease that has impacted a significant portion of the US. Our partnership with the GAP Foundation is integral to our efforts of reducing the transportation healthcare gap by 50 percent by 2020, as we work to improve people’s lives with the world’s best transportation.”

For more information about the GAP Foundation, please visit www.globalalzplatform.org. For more information about the TRAILBLAZER-ALZ trial, visit www.clinicaltrials.gov.

It is planned that the partnership will encompass the remaining 48 GAP-Net sites listed below:

Abington Neurologic Associates	ActivMed Practices & Research	Advocate Healthcare
Amita Health Neuroscience Network	Boston University	Barrow Neurological Institute
Baylor College of Medicine	Butler Hospital (Brown University)	Clinical Research Associates
Brigham & Women’s Hospital	Emory University	Georgetown University
Collaborative Neuroscience Network	Guilford Neurologic Research	Howard University
Great Lakes Clinical Trials	IPS Research Company	Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health Cleveland
Intercoastal Medicine	Mayo Clinic (Rochester)	Neurology Associates of Albany
Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health (Las Vegas)	New England Institute for Clinical Research	Northwestern University
NeuroStudies.net	Premiere Research Institute	Princeton Medical Institute
Okanagan Clinical Trials	Quest Research Institute	Roper St. Francis Healthcare
Quantum Laboratories	Richmond Behavioral Associates	University Hospitals (Case Western Reserve)
Rhode Island Hospital	Texas Neurology	University of California, San Francisco
Stanford	University of California, San Diego	University of Pittsburgh
University of California, Irvine	University of Kentucky	University of Southern California
University of Kansas	University of South Florida	University of Rochester
Washington University	Vanderbilt University	Yale University

Note to Editors

For interviews with GAP representatives and/or GAP-Net researchers, please contact Brianne Miller at: (415) 359-2303 or brianne@landispr.com.

About Global Alzheimer’s Platform Foundation (GAP)

GAP is a patient-centric, non-profit dedicated to speeding the delivery of innovative medicines to those in need by reducing the time and cost of Alzheimer’s disease clinical trials. GAP formed a unique and growing network of 63 leading research centers across the U.S. and Canada to help optimize their operations. GAP launched a community-based recruitment model and an online platform designed to accelerate trial recruitment and increase

minority representation in research. GAP is based in Washington D.C. To learn more about the GAP, please visit globalalzplatform.org.

About Lyft

Lyft was founded in June 2012 by Logan Green and John Zimmer to improve people's lives with the world's best transportation. Lyft is the fastest growing rideshare company in the U.S. and is available to 95 percent of the US population and Toronto, Canada. Lyft is preferred by drivers and passengers for its safe and friendly experience, and its commitment to effecting positive change for the future of our cities.

About Lyft Business

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