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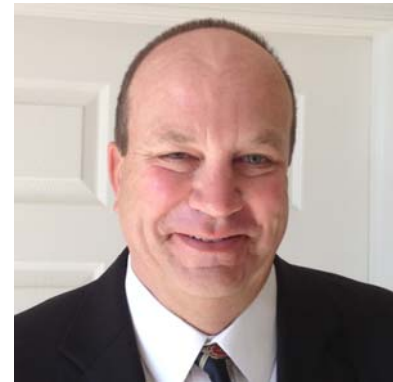
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## **Spring Point Project Appoints Director of Advancement**

*New Team Member to Promote Mission and Donor Support Toward Cure for Diabetes*

**Dec. 11, 2012 – MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.** – [Spring Point Project](#), a non-profit organization created to provide an unlimited source of pig islet cells in an effort to cure Type 1 diabetes, has appointed a director of advancement – Bill Rice, bringing to this position more than 17 years in strategic planning and annual giving.

Rice joins Spring Point Project after five years leading two chapters of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) as executive director. His experience with fundraising and advancement toward a cure for diabetes makes him an ideal addition to the team.



“Rice will leverage his extensive background in annual giving and outreach to help promote the science and hope behind our mission,” said Tom Cartier, founder and chairman emeritus of Spring Point Project. “We’re thrilled to have such a passionate advocate for a cure for Type 1 on our team, and we look forward to his contributions.”

Pat Ryan, Spring Point Project board chairman adds, “Rice’s experience will reinforce Spring Point Project’s two-pronged success strategy: build upon previous fundraising and expand opportunities to provide suitable porcine materials to academia and the biotechnology industry.”

During his time at JDRF, Rice established strategic and tactical plans to move his chapter forward, recruited new board members and established a major gifts program. He previously worked in the education sector as executive director of annual giving for the University of Dayton.

### **About Spring Point Project**

Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., Spring Point Project is working to provide an unlimited source of pig islet cells to accelerate the availability and affordability of islet transplantation to cure Type 1 diabetes and other conditions. Spring Point Project is the only producer of clinical xenotransplantation-suitable porcine materials for academia and the biotechnology industry in the United States.

For more information, visit [www.springpointproject.org](http://www.springpointproject.org).