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## ADAP Advocacy Association Mourns Loss of Timothy Ray Brown

***“The Berlin Patient” embodied hope for all people living with HIV/AIDS***

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today paused to reflect on Timothy Ray Brown’s life and legacy as the first person cured of HIV. Brown, also known as “the Berlin patient,” served as a global beacon of hope for all people living with HIV/AIDS. Brown died Tuesday at his home in Palm Springs, California.

“Today, we mourn the loss of a giant figure in our fight against HIV/AIDS,” said Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association on Brown’s passing. “Timothy Ray Brown never sought-after to become the face of hope for the eventual cure to HIV/AIDS, but he did it so gracefully when called upon. Although our hearts are heavy, we also celebrate the life of an amazing man and his journey as the first person cured of HIV.”

Brown’s final chapter was recently captured eloquently by Mark King, who is the recipient of the ADAP Advocacy Association’s 2010-2011 ADAP Leadership Social Media Campaign of the Year Award. King’s piece, *As Timothy Ray Brown Faces Death, a Great Love Endures*, can be read online at <https://marksking.com/my-fabulous-disease/timothy-ray-brown-great-love/>.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or Timothy Ray Brown’s legacy, please email [info@adapadvocacy.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacy.org).

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