Melbourne, FL – February 13, 2012 - The Preeclampsia Foundation today announced its 2012 Board of Directors and officers, an all-volunteer board that includes a mix of survivors, supporters, corporate and individual expertise. Officers for the current year include Erik Henrikson, Milford, Mass., Chair; Katie Rielly-Gauvin, New Brunswick, NJ, Vice Chair; Richard Proctor, Chattanooga, Tenn., Treasurer; and Christine Meola, Secretary. Additional members of the Board of Directors include Kathy Maguire, Auburn, Ind., Beth Schimel, New Berlin, Wisc., Dan Verakis, Chicago, Ill., and John Warner, Walcott, Iowa.

New board members include a former Vice President of Development for a university and a Vice President for a Fortune 100 company. Brief biographies of all the board of directors can be found at www.preeclampsia.org/about-us/board-of-directors.

Executive Director Eleni Tsigas said, “Outgoing chair Patrick Dignan, a risk investment banker who lost his wife in 1997 due to preeclampsia/HELLP syndrome, served with distinction for two years, and we’re extremely grateful for his service and leadership during a time of tremendous growth for the Foundation. Our 2012 board is fired up and ready to move us to the next level of engagement and impact.”

Incoming Chair Erik Henrikson, a long-time volunteer and four-year veteran of the Board, is eager to lead the group through additional development and to help navigate strategic growth decisions.
“From the time I was a father seeking support during a difficult pregnancy until now, the Preeclampsia Foundation has been an important part of my life,” said Henrikson. “Serving in various roles during this time, I have witnessed the evolution of the Foundation to become the vibrant support and advocacy organization is today. I am honored by the trust and responsibility that the board has placed in me as we look forward to continuing the remarkable growth of the Foundation.”

About the Preeclampsia Foundation: The Preeclampsia Foundation is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established in 2000. It is dedicated to providing patient support and education, raising public awareness, catalyzing research and improving health care practices, envisioning a world where preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy no longer threaten the lives of mothers and babies. For more information, visit www.preeclampsia.org or call toll-free (800) 665-9341.