



A stylized, handwritten signature of Jerry Lewis in black ink. A small red star is positioned above the end of the signature.

**MDA TELETHON**

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## **MINNEAPOLIS MAN TO APPEAR ON NATIONAL TELETHON**

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 9, 2007 – Scott Stafne of Minneapolis, Minn., will be featured on the national broadcast of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon on Labor Day weekend.

Stafne, 35, will be the subject of a videotaped profile on the legendary broadcast, now in its 42nd year. He and his family will also make a live appearance on the show, which is broadcast nationwide on 190 “Love Network” station, and worldwide via the Internet.

Originating from the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa in Las Vegas, the MDA Telethon will begin at 9 p.m. ET Sunday, Sept. 2, and run for 21½ hours. In the Minneapolis area, the Telethon can be seen on KSTC, Channel 45, beginning at 8 p.m. on Sept. 2.

Stafne and his wife, Kirsten, appeared with their daughter, Eva, on the 2006 Minneapolis broadcast of the Telethon.

“It’s an honor for me to introduce Scott and his remarkable family,” said MDA National Chairman and Telethon star Jerry Lewis. “I have no doubt that Telethon viewers who meet them will be inspired to help MDA put an end to muscular dystrophy.”

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Stafne enjoys skiing, videography and spending time with his daughter. His interests include music, movies, documentaries and cinematography. He is determined to raise disability awareness and is supportive of MDA, attending support groups and fund-raising events such as Lock-Ups and the Black & Blue Ball.

Stafne has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease), a disease of the motor neurons that progressively affects the legs, arms and/or throat and mouth muscles, and eventually all voluntary muscles, resulting in paralysis and, eventually, death. He uses a power wheelchair for mobility.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat more than 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and public health education.

MDA maintains a clinic for area adults and children affected by neuromuscular diseases at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis.

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