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## 'Devotion To Motion' Tour Begins Today

Newlyweds Scott and Pratiksha Chesney of Verona begin their "Devotion to Motion" personal crusade today, aiming to collect research in complementary medicine, promote travel for the disabled and advance youth education on cultural and physical differences in the world.

The tour, beginning today in London and ending 13-months later in Sydney, Australia includes stops in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. The ultimate goal of the couple is to help disabled individuals worldwide help themselves in improving their quality of life. The two hope to collect research data and clinical information on a global scale that will eventually benefit all people with disabilities.

"Since I was 15 years old, being paralyzed has enabled me to grow and learn life's lessons at an accelerated pace. Our tour is a mission to help others discover their true potential. Our initial research is to focus on 'emotional paralysis,' an issue we believe affects us all. Whether disabled or not, a person must realize that fulfilling one's destiny is a continuous journey without boundaries," explained Chesney.

This is the second Devotion to Motion tour for the life-long Verona native. At the age of 14 Chesney, then a sophomore at Verona High School, began life in a wheelchair due to a rare spinal cord condition. Chesney's last tour, a time when he

says he finally grieved his condition, began in March 1997 and ended last summer.

During that tour Chesney interviewed practitioners and healers on several different forms of treatment for his condition. Over the 15 months he traveled to 15 different countries and examined over 40 different alternative medicines. Before leaving on that tour, he could stand on his own for about 12 minutes. After returning, Chesney achieved a "major accomplishment" by standing for over an hour.

"The second tour has been designed to emphasize the change and growth that can result from a willingness to embrace new experiences and new possibilities in a new manner," a spokesman for the tour explained. "The Chesneys' commitment to move forward in life emotionally, spiritually and physically has enabled them to raise public awareness about these issues."

The "Devotion to Motions" mission, according to the couple, will reflect that untapped potential. It is designed to encourage the disabled to explore new possibilities in complementary medicine and travel abroad.

Chesney explained, "Devotion to Motion is the commitment to move forward in life emotionally, spiritually and physically. By maintaining a focus to grow and learn, one can create a world of unlimited opportu-

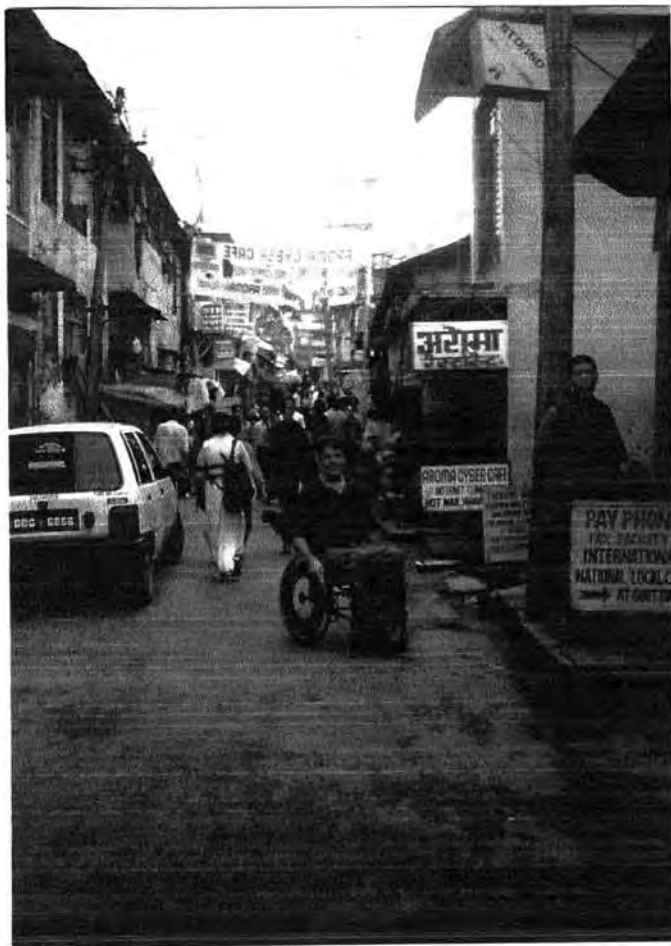
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## Devotion

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**DEVOTION TO MOTION.** Scott and Pratiksha Chesney of Verona begin their Devotion to Motion tour today, visiting nearly 30 places worldwide to promote travel for the disabled and research complementary medicine.



nities and reach his or her fullest potential. It can take a human being into the depths of depression and sadness, and it can also guide an individual through transformation, realization and manifestation. Both journeys, as different as night and day, are necessary in rediscovering one's true essence, the self."

"We applaud the drive and determination of Scott and Pratiksha Chesney in their quest to research complementary medicine and promote travel for the disabled community. It is very rewarding for our corporation to support the mission of the 'Devotion to Motion World Tour,'" said L. Dennis Kozlowski, chairman and chief executive officer of Tyco International Ltd., the tour's title sponsor.

Over the next 13 months the Chesneys' worldwide tour will visit France, Spain, Italy, Greece, India, Tibet, Israel, Egypt, Africa, Peru, Chili, Argentina, Brazil, Portugal, Ireland, Amsterdam, Belgium, Germany, Turkey, Russia, China, Philippines, Kuala Lumpur, Indonesia, Fiji, New Zealand and ends in Australia, August 30, 2000.

Regular updates on their travels will be posted on the Devotion to Motion web site, [www.d2motion.com](http://www.d2motion.com). After the Chesneys' return to Verona, the couple plans to prepare research papers and organize speaking engagements to tell their story.

Chesney, before his travels, worked with the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis as a fund raiser and public speaker. He was also the director of research at the Dilenschneider Group, a public relations and strategic counseling firm in New York City. He is a 1992 graduate of Seton Hall University, where he majored in Communications and minored in Political Science.

Mrs. Chesney, born in Gujarat, India, immigrated along with her family to the United States in 1981. She recently worked as a physical therapist, specializing in spinal cord injury rehabilitation at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Before beginning her career at Jackson Memorial, she completed her Masters of Science in Physical Therapy at the University of Medicine and