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## 32-Year-Old Mother of 5 (A Modern Day 'Job') to Finally Have Something to be Thankful for -- Her Life Woman to be Saved With New Form of Brain Surgery in Time for Thanksgiving

ADVISORY, Nov. 5, 2007 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --

**WHAT:** A 32-year-old mother of five -- a modern day "Job" -- will finally find hope in time for Thanksgiving. Fresh on the heels of 18 months of tragedy (see timeline below) Sahar Gayton was diagnosed with a brain tumor and doctors gave her a "death sentence" with just six months to live. After discovering a new form of brain surgery on the Internet, she turned to pioneering surgeon Hrayr Shahinian, M.D. of the Skull Base Institute who will remove the tumor endoscopically via a small opening by her ear. Shahinian believes that Gayton will finally have something to be thankful for in time for Thanksgiving -- a full recovery and new lease on life.

**VISUALS:** Visuals available at an emotionally charged press conference:

- \* Gayton detailing her tales of tragedy
- \* Shahinian describing the minimally invasive procedure that will save her life (using MRI scan to illustrate severity case)
- \* B-roll containing animated graphics of new minimally invasive form of surgery contrasted with the old, highly invasive method
- \* Video footage from Gayton showing her with deceased family members

**WHEN/**  
**WHERE:** PRESS CONFERENCE -- Tuesday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m.  
Skull Base Institute  
8635 West 3rd Street, Suite 1170 W  
Los Angeles, CA 90048

**SURGERY --** Wednesday, November 7 at 8:30 a.m.  
Brotman Medical Center  
3828 Delmas Terrace  
Culver City, CA 90232

**TRAGEDIES:** Occurred in past 18 months:

- \* Father struck by drunk driver & doctors encourage family to "pull plug"; Sahar refuses and nurses him to recovery
- \* Mother slips and falls in swimming pool and drowns
- \* Closest confidant, her beloved grandmother, dies unexpectedly
- \* Her newborn dies (complications from congenital heart defect)
- \* While pregnant, Sahar is diagnosed with deadly brain tumor and given 6 months to live (her only chance for survival, doctors said, is a dangerous "craniotomy" -- a drastic surgical procedure that involves removing the top of her skull to reach the tumor; complications include paralysis, loss of senses, stroke and even death)

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