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**FETAL HOPE FOUNDATION LAUNCHES RACE FOR FETAL HOPE 5K FOR 2009:  
ORGANIZATION'S NATIONAL RACE SERIES GETS NEW NAME**

**Denver, CO** – The year of 2009 will usher in new growth possibilities for the Fetal Hope Foundation, including a new name for its largest awareness and fundraising campaign. Formerly known as the TTTS Race for Hope, the Foundation will begin promoting the National Race Series as the Race for Fetal Hope 5k throughout cities around the United States, including Denver, Charlotte, Kirkland, Houston, Los Angeles, Atlantic Beach, and Tampa, among possible others.

“We changed the name to encompass and bring about more awareness of not just TTTS, but the hundreds of syndromes, distresses and diseases that affect fetuses in over 800,000 pregnancies per year,” said Lonnie Somers, CEO and Founder of the Fetal Hope Foundation. “The name change will appeal to a broader audience that will increase our participation, sponsorship, and fundraising base, which will increase awareness and much needed funds for Fetal Hope to carry out its mission.”

The 5k walk/run event focuses on celebrating family and honoring babies lost due to fetal syndromes, including Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome (TTTS), Selective Intrauterine Growth Restriction (SIUGR), Lower Urinary Tract Obstruction (LUTO), and others. The event differs from many other events with its unique stroller division for families with small children, as well as its nationally acclaimed post-race expo featuring refreshments and activities for both children and adults alike.

Since 2005, the races have grown from being hosted in one city to a planned six events throughout the U.S. in 2009, and each race has experienced nearly 50% growth rate in both participation and fundraising dollars. Through each event, the Foundation educates and informs millions of households on fetal syndromes, the importance of fetal and maternal health, and where to seek help if affected.

“Growth among the events means that we are able to spread awareness about the various fetal distresses and syndromes to the public and inform them of support resources available. It also helps us further educate the medical community of the resources available to them and their patients in providing the best medical care to the mother and her unborn child,” said Somers.

All proceeds from each Race for Fetal Hope 5k will benefit the Fetal Hope Foundation in supporting its mission and goals for the upcoming years. The organization focuses on providing support, providing information, funding research, increasing awareness, and being an outlet for leading medical information pertaining to fetal distresses and syndromes. For more information on Fetal Hope, please contact Talitha McGuinness at 980-721-5799 or visit the site at [www.fetalhope.org](http://www.fetalhope.org).

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