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**INAUGURAL RACE FOR FETAL HOPE PLANNED FOR ATLANTIC BEACH:
FOCUS ON CELEBRATING FAMILY WHILE SUPPORTING FETAL SYNDROMES**

Atlantic Beach, FL, September 28, 2009 – The inaugural Atlantic Beach Race for Fetal Hope is planned for Saturday, October 24th at Atlantic Theatres in Atlantic Beach, FL. Joining a National Race Series to benefit the Fetal Hope Foundation, the event is anticipated to host more than 500 participants, spectators and supporters.

“Having been in a position where I felt hopeless and desperate for information during my own pregnancy when my son Elijah was diagnosed at 13 weeks gestation with Lower Urinary Tract Obstruction (LUTO), I don’t ever want a family to have to say the words ‘I didn’t know.’ Every family has the right to know there is hope,” said Georgi Wick, Atlantic Beach Race Director and Director for the Fetal Hope Foundation.

The Atlantic Beach event will feature a 5k run/walk with a unique stroller division for parents pushing little ones, along with a free Kids Fun Run sponsored by Lender Processing Services. With one of the largest post-race expos, the event will focus on a Survivor Ceremony and the NOMOTC Family Festival with games and refreshments. The inaugural event will also be held in conjunction with a fetal reunion for families once treated by Dr. Ruben Quintero and his staff in Florida. More than 150 family members from all over the Southeast and beyond are anticipated to attend the reunion.

“I want to see children with lots of smiles participating in the Kids Fun Run and Family Festival and for event participants to know they are making a difference and helping save babies’ lives.” said Wick.

All proceeds from the day will benefit the Fetal Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on providing support, providing information, funding research, increasing awareness and serving as an outlet for leading medical information pertaining to fetal syndromes. Since 2006, Fetal Hope has supported over 400 families, and has provided thousands with information on fighting fetal distress through media, advertising, events, and its website which now experiences over 30,000 hits per month.

For more information on the Atlantic Beach Race for Fetal Hope, please contact Talitha McGuinness at 980-721-5799, talitha@fetalhope.org, or visit www.raceforfetalhope.org.

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