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CLIMB FOR KIDS TO LAUNCH UPCOMING CLIMBS TO BENEFIT FETAL HOPE FOUNDATION

Denver, CO – Climb for Kids, a Washington based non-profit organization, will soon launch three mountain climbs to continue spreading the word about fetal syndromes and raising funds to support families affected and to further research.

Founded in 2007 by Matt and Ellen Kolwaczyk, Climb for Kids has hosted climbs primarily in Washington and has raised money to benefit charities that directly serve both families and the medical community. However, this year the organization has expanded its climbs to include Colorado and France.

“The second year has been more challenging than the first, as the momentum has lessened and donors' pockets have tightened. However, even with those issues, we have been able to expand the reach of the organization,” said Matt Kolwaczyk, Climb for Kids' Executive Director and Founder.

In 2007, the Kolwaczyk's experienced a fetal syndrome when one of their twins died of a complication as a result of Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome. Instead of dwelling on the death, the couple focused their energy on their passion for climbing by forming Climb for Kids and supporting other families when in similar situations.

Aside from hosting several successful fundraisers, Climb for Kids is also excited to announce it will be followed by Ursus Films on the Mt. Rainier climb in filming a documentary on the organization and its mission. Kolwaczyk hopes for a television series on the stories of Mt. Rainier and its avid climbers. In its second year, the organization has doubled its climbers and has already raised over \$50,000 to benefit organizations such as the Fetal Hope Foundation.

Kolwaczyk said, “Our goals for each climb continue to broaden the awareness of fetal syndromes, as well as raise money for families in need. Our great relationship with Fetal Hope has made this all possible.”

Climb for Kids has chosen Fetal Hope as its sole beneficiary in supporting its mission and goals for the upcoming years. The Fetal Hope Foundation 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 Climb for Kids or the Fetal Hope Foundation, please contact Talitha McGuinness at 980-721-5799 or visit the website at www.fetalhope.org.

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