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**RACE FOR FETAL HOPE PLANNED FOR CHARLOTTE:  
FOCUS ON CELEBRATING FAMILY WHILE SUPPORTING FETAL SYNDROMES**

**Charlotte, NC, August 24, 2009** – The Carolina’s Medical Center’s Women’s Institute Race for Fetal Hope (formerly known as the TTTS Race for Hope) is planned for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Independence Park in Charlotte, NC. In its fourth consecutive year, the event is presented by Traci Zeller Designs and is anticipated to host more than 500 participants, spectators and supporters.

“We have some exciting changes such as our Signs of Hope and Survivor Ceremony, which will help put the vast number of fetal syndromes and all the children they affect into perspective for our participants,” said Talitha McGuinness, Fetal Hope Foundation VP of Marketing and Fundraising, and Charlotte Event Director.

The Charlotte Race for Fetal Hope is sponsored by Carolina’s Medical Center’s Women’s Institute which plans to launch a ground-breaking fetal treatment center later this year. The Women’s Institute will focus solely on the treatment of Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome (TTTS), a disease of the placenta that affects multiple birth pregnancies.

“It is an honor to continue to partner with the Women’s Institute and to see that they will soon be treating TTTS. When my girls were diagnosed, I had to travel out of state for treatment, so I definitely know the importance of local treatment options for families affected,” said McGuinness.

The Charlotte event will feature a 5k run/walk with a free Kids Fun Run and unique stroller division for parents pushing little ones. With one of the largest post-race expos, the event will focus on a Survivor Ceremony and the NOMOTC Family Festival with games, refreshment and live entertainment. All proceeds from the day will benefit the Fetal Hope Foundation, a national 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 distresses and syndromes.

For more information on the Charlotte Race for Fetal Hope, please contact Charlotte Event Director, Talitha McGuinness at 980-721-5799, [talitha@fetalhope.org](mailto:talitha@fetalhope.org), or visit [www.raceforfetalhope.org](http://www.raceforfetalhope.org).

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