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CHARLOTTE MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES TO SPONSOR KIDS FUN RUN AT LOCAL RACE FOR FETAL HOPE

Charlotte, NC, September 7, 2009 – The Charlotte Mothers of Multiples (CMOMs), a local non-profit organization supporting parents of multiple birth children, will sponsor the Kids Fun Run at the upcoming Race for Fetal Hope on Saturday, September 19th at Independence Park.

Founded in 1954, CMOMs has grown to become one of the nation's largest groups focusing on the support, education and awareness of issues surrounding multiple birth children. With nearly 600 members, CMOMs is funded by dues, sponsorships and local fundraisers. Area community projects and partnerships have included the Race for Fetal Hope which benefits the Fetal Hope Foundation, the Wall of Hope at Levine Children's Hospital and the March of Dimes March for Babies event held annually.

"In partnering with Fetal Hope and taking on an active role in the Race for Fetal Hope, CMOMs is given the opportunity to increase awareness within the community about our club and it provides us the chance to demonstrate one of the many ways we provide support to parents who are expecting multiples or already raising multiples," said Tracey Kendall, CMOM VP of Community Outreach.

As several fetal syndromes are known largely to affect multiple birth children, roughly 8% of CMOMs' membership has been affected by syndromes such as Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome (TTTS) and Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR). Thus, CMOMs continues to support and participate in the local event, including having a team of members and their multiples.

The Race for Fetal Hope will consist of a 5k walk/run with a stroller division and a Sponsor Expo and Family Festival to end the event. The CMOM Kids Fun Run will take place immediately before the main 5k event and will serve as a great photo opportunity for many area survivors of fetal 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, or visit www.raceforfetalhope.org.

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