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**DENVER RACE FOR FETAL HOPE TO DRAW LOCAL FAMILIES AFFECTED BY FETAL SYNDROMES:
SERVES AS OUTLET FOR CELEBRATING LIFE AND HONORING THOSE LOST**

Denver, CO, October 19, 2009 – For many families, the Race for Fetal Hope is a great way to enjoy a day of fun and festivities. However, for others like Amy Fletemeyer and her family, the Race for Fetal Hope serves as a reminder of the two children they could have lost to a rare, but fatal fetal syndrome known widely as Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome, or TTTS.

The Fletemeyer's learned at 15 weeks into their multiple birth pregnancy that their twins were being affected and that they needed to seek help from a specialist, namely, a fetal surgeon who could attempt to treat the situation. After consulting with Dr. Ruben Quintero in Florida, the Fletemeyer's were fortunate in that their situation did not require any type of treatment other than continual monitoring.

Fletemeyer said, "I counted each day as I hit the big time markers, first 24 weeks, then 28, then 30, 32, 34 and 35, knowing each week would allow for them to grow and thrive."

At around 36 weeks, the twins were showing signs of distress from TTTS and a cesarean section was scheduled immediately. Despite warnings and fears, both girls were born healthy and required little assistance with breathing or feeding.

"If I only relied on the internet for information, I am not sure that I could have endured the situation. As stressful as the situation was, it would have been unbearable without the encouragement of Lonnie and his wife [at the Fetal Hope Foundation]," said Fletemeyer.

Fletemeyer and her family, among other families affected in various ways, will be participating in this year's event which will be held on Sunday, November 8th at Washington Park in Denver, CO. 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 Denver Race for Fetal Hope, please contact Talitha McGuinness at 980-721-5799, talitha@fetalhope.org, or visit www.raceforfetalhope.org.

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