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**PORTLAND BOLT & MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF KIRKLAND RACE FOR
FETAL HOPE**

Charlotte, NC, September 14, 2009 – Despite the weakened economy, Portland Bolt & Manufacturing Company is continuing to support the Fetal Hope Foundation by signing on as Title Sponsor of the Kirkland Race for Fetal Hope slated for Sunday, September 27th at Marina Park.

In 2006, Brian Sonnenberg was directly affected by fetal syndromes when his twin grandchildren were diagnosed in utero with Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome or TTTS, a rare but often fatal disease that affects twins who share one placenta.

“We support life and choose to be part of this because that is what Fetal Hope does. It supports life, is positive, caring and compassionate,” said Brian Sonnenberg, Owner of Portland Bolt & Manufacturing Company, and grandfather to TTTS survivors. “It is amazing to see the families gather and enjoy themselves at the race.”

Portland Bolt & Manufacturing Company continues to support the Fetal Hope Foundation, as the company is family-owned and knows how blessed they are to have not one, but two healthy survivors of such a fatal disease. Sonnenberg will attend the event with his grandkids and family, including son-in-law Corey Wilson who currently serves as the Kirkland Race Director and on the Board of Directors for the Fetal Hope Foundation.

Sonnenberg said, “we want participants and families to know that there is always hope. We have ‘living proof’ of that hope and are extremely grateful.”

The event will focus not only on the 5k run/walk, but will also offer a Kids Fun Run and Family Festival geared at celebrating life and honoring those lost. All proceeds of the event will benefit the Fetal Hope Foundation, a national non-profit organization with a mission of providing support and 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 Kirkland Race for Fetal Hope, please contact Talitha McGuinness at 980-721-5799, talitha@fetalhope.org, or visit www.raceforfetalhope.org.

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