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**EVERGREEN HEALTHCARE PART OF UPCOMING RACE FOR FETAL HOPE: FETAL REUNION TO BE PART OF FAMILY FESTIVAL**

**Kirkland, WA - September 21, 2009** – In its third year of support, Evergreen Healthcare will be the Presenting Sponsor for the Kirkland Race for Fetal Hope slated for Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Marina Park. Most specifically, Evergreen Fetal Therapy led by Dr. Martin Walker and his team will attend to greet and visit with past patients and families affected by fetal syndromes.

“We are all really excited to take part in the Race for Fetal Hope again. Participation in this event lets the community know about services available here and solidifies what an important job we come to everyday—working to give families hope in situations that might otherwise not have any,” said Melissa Dorn, Fetal Therapy Coordinator for Evergreen Fetal Therapy Program.

The event is anticipated to reach thousands through the media and advertising campaigns, and will host to nearly 500 participants and spectators on Race Day. The event will kick off with a 5k run/walk and unique stroller division that attracts many participants pushing singletons as well as twins and triplets, many who have been directly affected by fetal syndromes. A Family Festival will conclude Race Day and will be combined with a fetal reunion with Dr. Walker and his team of physicians and staff. Last year, families travelled from as far away as Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Dorn said, “We see people at a tough time in their life, so it is rewarding to me to see them from a different perspective and doing something healthy! Of course, to be able to see survivors is phenomenal. I hope that participants and families come away from this event feeling positively energized.”

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](mailto:talitha@fetalhope.org), or visit [www.raceforfetalhope.org](http://www.raceforfetalhope.org).

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