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FAMILY FESTIVAL AND SURVIVOR CEREMONY PLANNED FOR KIRKLAND RACE FOR FETAL HOPE

Kirkland, WA - September 23, 2009 – Becoming widely known for its 5k walk/run and unique stroller division, the Race for Fetal Hope is also known for its time of celebration with its Sponsor Expo and Family Festival. Part of a National Race Series, the Kirkland Race for Fetal Hope will be held on Sunday, September 27th at Marina Park with a start time of 9am.

New to the Kirkland event will be the Survivor Ceremony which will feature many local survivors of fetal syndromes. There will also be Signs of Hope lining each side of the Finish Line to honor and celebrate both survivors and angels lost.

“One of my favorite parts of the race is the joy and the tears of seeing the families who come together to raise awareness and support this wonderful cause,” said Stacey Vandell, Owner of A Lot ‘O’ Tots and mother to twins.

A Family Festival sponsored in part by A Lot ‘O’ Tots will follow the 5k event and will feature samples from local sponsors and vendors, games, a bounce house, and lunch provided by the Kirkland Kiwanis. A post-race fetal reunion will also be hosted with Dr. Walker and his team from Evergreen Fetal Therapy. Last year, families from as far away as Louisiana and Oklahoma travelled to be part of the day’s festivities.

“The best cause is one that is closest to your heart. Being parents of twins, our family has only have a "scare" and did not have to face any long term issues with our boys. We are lucky we were able to avoid the heartbreak of what many families have had to endure. In that, we want to be able to reach out to others and raise awareness of the unique issues of carrying and birthing multiples,” said Vandell.

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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