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**TTTS SURVIVORS WELCOMED HOME:
FAMILY TO LAUNCH GOLF CHARITY TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT FETAL HOPE FOUNDATION**

Denver, CO – After a long and trying pregnancy, filled with uncertainty and even life-saving medical intervention, Casey and Ebru Middlebrooks recently welcomed sons William Grady and Aiden Harvey home, together for the first time since birth. The couple is also planning to host the 1st Annual GolfHope charity golf tournament in June in honor of their twins and others dealing with fetal syndromes.

“Whenever I see a problem, I do something. I believe my faith leads me to help my neighbor. We were fortunate to be financially secure and have a solid family support base to help us in our time of need,” said Middlebrooks, father of TTTS survivors and Founder of GolfHope. “I realize not everyone is as fortunate, and that could mean life or death. It is also about spreading knowledge.”

Unlike so many families excited about a first-time pregnancy, the Middlebrooks’ were deprived of this joyful experience when learning early in the pregnancy that their twins were diagnosed with Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome, or TTTS. TTTS affects 10-20% of all monochorionic pregnancies where a placenta is shared. Because of shared vessels across the placenta, the twins experience disproportionate nutrients and blood flow. Few pregnancies survive without proper screening, diagnosis and medical intervention.

After having several amniotic fluid reductions performed but to no avail, the couple was recommended for an in-utero procedure that could save the lives of both babies. In December of 2008, the Middlebrooks’ welcomed William Grady and Aiden Harvey into their family and both boys have recently been released from the Neonatal Intensive Care to home with their parents.

On having the twins home, Middlebrooks said, “It is awesome, hectic, loving, tired, blessed, and scary all rolled up into one emotion. We wouldn’t have it any other way. The days of going between home and the hospital to see them can remain in the past.”

The GolfHope charity golf tournament will be held in June at the Pine Tree Country Club in Irondale, AL. All proceeds will benefit the Fetal Hope Foundation in supporting families when affected by fetal syndromes and serving as an outlet for leading medical information pertaining to fetal distress and syndromes. For more information on Fetal Hope or the GolfHope charity golf tournament, please contact Talitha McGuinness at 980-721-5799 or visit the site at www.fetalhope.org.

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