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### **The National Charity TTTS Race for Hope is coming to LA Presented by Children's Hospital Los Angeles & Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center**

*(February 19, 2008—Denver, Colorado)* Did you know that **Twin-to-Twin-Transfusion Syndrome** or TTTS, alone kills twice as many babies per year as does SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), yet most of the population has never even heard of this syndrome? Did you also know that **Children's Hospital Los Angeles along with Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center** will present one of the largest charity races in the United States directly supporting TTTS and other fetal distress syndromes? TTTS is a potentially life-threatening condition in pregnancy that exists when blood passes disproportionately between twins with a shared placenta, as recently featured on *ABC's PrimeTime Medical Mysteries*. On **Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Parcel H just south of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena** join more than 700 runners, walkers and others affected by Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome in the **1st Annual TTTS Race for Hope 5K Run/Walk, Kids Fun Run, NOMOTC Family Festival and Sponsor Expo** benefiting the national nonprofit organization called the Fetal Hope Foundation and TTTS ([www.fetalhope.org](http://www.fetalhope.org).)

Local title sponsor for this national charity event is **Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center** and funds raised by the TTTS Race for Hope go to saving babies' lives and giving hope to families by spreading awareness of Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome (TTTS) and other fetal syndromes, providing needed financial and emotional support to families,

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providing medical assistance and by funding medical research. Thousands of multiple pregnancies are affected each year in the U.S. and most cases result in the loss of one or both babies.

“We are extremely honored to be working with two of the best hospitals handling these fetal syndromes in the US as our title sponsors in Los Angeles,” says Founder/Executive Director Lonnie Somers. “They are both extremely dedicated to the cause and are already helping many families handle these complex medical issues. We are excited to partner with them to spread awareness about TTTS and other fetal syndromes now and in the future” adds Somers. The mission of the **Fetal Hope Foundation and the TTTS Race for Hope** is to provide support and information to families affected by the condition, to fund research efforts, to increase awareness, and be an outlet for leading medical information pertaining to fetal distresses and syndromes. The Foundation is all about arming families with information to save their baby’s’ lives. The founders of the Fetal Hope Foundation and TTTS Race for Hope, Lonnie and Michelle Somers have two beautiful five-year-old twin girls who were saved from TTTS by ground breaking in-utero fetal surgery.

To learn more about the Fetal Hope Foundation or the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual TTTS Race for Hope** national 5K Series coming to the Los Angeles area on **Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Parcel H just south of the Rose Bowl** (*1001 Rose Bowl Drive, Pasadena*) or to register to participate please visit [www.fetalhope.org](http://www.fetalhope.org) or call Fetal Hope Foundation at 1-877-789-HOPE. You may also contact local race Director, Ricardo Tirado at [ricardo@ricardophotographer.com](mailto:ricardo@ricardophotographer.com).

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