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Media Stars to Compete in Hustle Up the Hancock Stair Climb

TV anchors and reporters will compete for top honors in the 2007 OfficeMax Hustle Up the Hancock, Chicago's popular 94-floor stair climb on Sunday February 25 sponsored by the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

CBS2's Rob Johnson (l), NBC5's Mike Adamle and ABC7's John Garcia (r) were on hand with the Respiratory Health Association's Kevin Tynan at the Hilton Suites to inspect the new award which goes to the fastest media team negotiating the Center's 1,632 stairs.

Media Champions will enjoy bragging rights, their name engraved on the handsome acrylic obelisk and the right to display the award at the station for twelve months.

"I love the competition, but for me I'm climbing to honor a good friend who died of lung cancer," said NBC team captain Mike Adamle. "We got to lick this disease."

The event, which is expected to raise one million dollars for lung disease research, sold out in 31 minutes when registration opened on-line last November.

Hustle attracts climbers from around the country and participants 6 to 79 years of age. Last year's winner Terry Purcell, an Australian now living in Springfield, has racked up the fastest time for five years in a row. This year he's expected to fly up the stairs in less than ten minutes, that's about 6 seconds per floor.

A group of 37 'elite' climbers will kick off the Hancock assault and volunteers will be on hand to dispense 3,500 bananas and 393 gallons of water. Almost \$4 million has been raised for lung research and educational programs since the climb's inception.

The Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago which created and manages Hustle Up the Hancock is one of the oldest health charities in Chicago. It's located at 1440 West Washington Blvd. 312-243-2000.

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