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MEDIA ALERT:

Illinois Celebrates Smoke-Free Anniversary

Respiratory Health Association unveils commemorative sculpture

- WHAT:** Respiratory Health Association and elected officials will unveil a sculpture to commemorate the one year anniversary of Smoke-Free Illinois.
- WHY:** On January 1, 2008 Illinois became the 22nd state to ban smoking in public places. In preparation, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago issued a bounty on ashtrays. Students from Chicago's Columbia College took the defunct ashtrays and transformed them into a sculpture signifying beauty created out of something ugly.
- WHO:** *Sen. John Cullerton* – Illinois State Senator, 6th District
Rep. Karen Yarbrough – Illinois State Representative, 7th District
Joel Africk – President and CEO, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago
Dan Rosenthal – Owner, Trattoria No.10, Sopraffina Marketcaffé, and Poag Mahone's
Damon Arnold, MD, MPH – Director, Illinois Dept. of Public Health
Dr. David Goldberg – Director of the Section of Internal and Preventative Medicine, Stroger Hospital & Steering Committeeperson, Healthy Lungs Initiative
Emanuel Aguilar – Student Sculptor, Columbia College

WHEN: **Tuesday, January 6th at 10:30 A.M.**

WHERE: Atrium, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago

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