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Hike for Lung Health – Awareness Walk Sunday, September 25, 2011

WHAT: The fifth annual Hike for Lung Health, an event hosted by Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago to raise \$100,000 in support of several local lung health organizations.

WHO: More than 800 participants will walk one or three miles around Lincoln Park in honor of individuals affected by lung diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, lung cancer, ARDS, sarcoidosis and other lung health issues.

WHERE: Lincoln Park
Grove 2, Stockton and LaSalle
Chicago, Illinois

WHEN: Sunday, September 25, 2011
Recognition program @ 9:30 a.m.
Walk kick-off @ 10 a.m.
Family fun-fest until 1 p.m.

WHY: Lung disease is the nation's third leading killer, affecting more than one million people in metropolitan Chicago. Hike for Lung Health proceeds benefit lung disease research, advocacy and education programs.

VISUALS/INTERVIEWS:

- Families and children enjoying a morning in the park
- Chicago lakefront view and Lincoln Park scenery
- Lt. Governor Sheila Simon
- Joel Africk, president and CEO, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago
- The Jesse White Tumbling Team, magicians and balloon artists (entertainment)

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Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago (RHAMC) has been a local public health leader since 1906. Today the Association fights lung disease and promotes healthy lungs by supporting research, advocacy, and educational efforts on behalf of individuals and families affected by lung cancer, asthma, COPD (chronic bronchitis and emphysema), and other lung diseases. For more information, visit www.lungchicago.org.