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**Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago
announces Lung Health Benefactors Society**

As a public health leader for more than a century, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago has been supported by generous charitable gifts from people, businesses and foundations. The association is announcing the Lung Health Benefactors Society to celebrate, recognize and serve the charitable gifts and gift intentions of people who make contributions now or after their lifetime.

Lung Health Benefactors stand behind Respiratory Health Association to enable a sound future for people across the Chicago area. By making a charitable gift in your estate plan, you have the opportunity to support the lung health of people today and for years to come, while also providing some benefits to your family's financial security.

"The deep commitment of our supporters ensures a sustainable plan for local research, advocacy and education efforts to prevent lung disease and promote healthy lungs," said Joel Africk, president and chief executive officer of Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago. "Your generosity allows us to address challenging issues today as we prepare to face new obstacles in the future. We are deeply grateful for the work enabled by Lung Health Benefactors Society members."

Gifts made through our Lung Health Benefactors Society offer simplicity, flexibility, versatility and tax relief. There are many gift instruments available to achieve a person's goals, and the association recommends consultation with a professional advisor to determine the best mechanism for making a planned gift that supports lung health activities and can also provide some financial benefit to the donor or the donor's family. Often, these gifts require thoughtful planning because they involve assets of an estate, rather than gifts of disposable income. Some common gifts are made using:

- Wills & Bequests
- Retirement Plans
- Life Insurance Plans
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Trusts

For more information about our Lung Health Benefactors Society, visit
www.lungchicago.org/planned-giving.

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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.