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Charlotte Mothers of Multiples to Celebrate Hope at TTTS Race for Hope

Charlotte, NC — On Saturday, November 18, 2006, Charlotte Mothers of Multiples (CMOMs) will sponsor the Kids Fun Run at the 1st annual TTTS Race for Hope. CMOMs is a support network for over 400 mothers of twins, triplets and quads throughout the Charlotte and surrounding communities.

“The Charlotte Mothers of Multiples organization is delighted to participate as a sponsor for the TTTS Race for Hope. Supporting this cause is extremely important to our organization and its mission, not only because TTTS exclusively affects multiples, but also because several of our members have been affected by this often deadly disease,” said CMOMs President, Kristen Felty.

TTTS is a potentially life-threatening condition in pregnancy that exists when blood passes disproportionately between multiples with a shared placenta. **Today 15 babies will die from TTTS**, which is twice the amount of deaths in one day as SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). There are no guarantees with any available treatment, but no treatment at all is almost always a guarantee of loss.

“There are several members who have had successful outcomes as a result of TTTS treatment, and they are proud parents of very healthy multiples. However, at least three other members, including myself, have lost one or both of their twins due to this disease,” said Felty. “CMOMs is proud to honor the memory of these children through our sponsorship of this event.”

Along with offering an outlet for mothers of multiples, the organization works with area hospitals and doctors to promote awareness of multiple births and provide support for their patients. They are an affiliate of the North Carolina Mothers of Multiples (NCMOM) and the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Club, Inc. (NOMOTC). CMOMs is dedicated to other community agencies such as A Room at the Inn, Operation Suitcase, the March of Dimes, Mulligans for Multiples, and annual NICU picnics at area hospitals.

The event will welcome over 500 runners, walkers and others affected by TTTS and will be held at Charlotte’s Freedom Park. Participants will enjoy the race, along with one of the largest post-race expos and family friendly festivals. For more information, please contact Talitha McGuinness at (980) 721-5799.

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