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## **Inaugural National Charity 5K Event is coming to the LA Region this Sunday, March 30th**

**The TTTTS Race for Hope is Helping to Save Babies Lives!**

(March 25, 2008—Denver, Colorado) 15 babies died today from Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome, or TTTTS. TTTTS alone kills twice as many babies per year as does SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) yet most of the population has never even heard of this syndrome. Children's Hospital Los Angeles along with Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center will present one of the largest charity races in the United States directly supporting TTTTS and other fetal distress syndromes this Sunday, March 30, 2008. TTTTS is a potentially life-threatening condition in pregnancy that exists when blood passes disproportionately between twins with a shared placenta, as recently featured on *ABC's PrimeTime Medical Mysteries*. This Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Parcel H just south of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena join more than 700 runners, walkers and others affected by Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome in the Inaugural TTTTS Race for Hope 5K Run/Walk, Kids Fun Run, NOMOTC Family Festival and Sponsor Expo benefiting the national nonprofit organization called the Fetal Hope Foundation and TTTTS ([www.fetalhope.org](http://www.fetalhope.org).)

"We travel all over to bring our national charity event to cities across the US and this will be the very first time we will be hosting this event in Southern California," says Lonnie Somers, Founder/CEO of the Fetal Hope Foundation and the TTTTS Race for Hope. "We really want people to come out to our event and enjoy the entire experience and the rewarding feeling they have when they know they are helping to save babies' lives."

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The **TTTS Race for Hope** is a 5K Run/Walk, 5K Stroller Division (for those that deserve a reward for running/walking while pushing a stroller), a Kids Fun Run (no registration required, free to all kids), NEW the Twins and Team Division (Twins can Team up and compete as a team) and the Sponsor Expo & the NOMOTC Family Festival that will be fun for all ages and includes sponsor booths, games, face-painting & more. "We want everyone to have fun and leave with a wonderful memory," adds Somers.

To learn more about the Fetal Hope Foundation or the Inaugural Los Angeles TTTS Race for Hope National 5K Series presented by Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center and coming to Parcel H just south of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on **Sunday, March 30, 2008** just outside the main entrance at Gate #1 please visit [www.fetalhope.org](http://www.fetalhope.org) or call Fetal Hope Foundation at **1-877-789-HOPE**. You may also learn more about local race Director, Ricardo Tirado and his TTTS journey by calling him directly at **818.635.1375** or sending him an email at: [Ricardo@ricardophotographer.com](mailto:Ricardo@ricardophotographer.com).

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