

TEAM SARCOIDOSIS WALKS IN THE 5TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR LUNG HEALTH

Chicago, IL (25 September 2011) The Hike for Lung Health, a one-mile or three-mile walk held in Chicago at Lincoln Park, provides an opportunity for lung health charities to work together to collectively raise awareness and funds for their causes.

Despite the clouds and rain, the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research's team, Team Sarcoidosis, was the largest team for the fifth consecutive year. Team Sarcoidosis (pictured above) was comprised of more than 80 FSR supporters who raised nearly \$15,000 to support lung health, and FSR's highest fundraising team member, Karen Bogner, was recognized by the crowd of several hundred event participants for her efforts.

FSR President Andrea Wilson remarked, "FSR is proud to partner with the Respiratory Health Association on this important event. The funds raised by Team Sarcoidosis at the Hike for Lung Health will support FSR's patient education and research initiatives throughout the year." FSR has recently announced plans to fund another research grant in 2011-2012. In addition, the Foundation is in the process of creating a new educational booklet, *Sarcoidosis and the Eye*, and is planning a patient education conference this fall in New York City.

About Hike for Lung Health

The Hike for Lung Health is an annual multi-charity walk to raise awareness and funds for lung health organizations. The event is organized by the Respiratory Health Association, a local and independent non-profit organization dedicated to fighting lung disease and promoting healthy lungs through research, advocacy and education. For more information, please visit www.lungchicago.org.

About Sarcoidosis & FSR

Sarcoidosis (pronounced SAR-COY-DO-SIS) is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ in the body. It causes heightened immunity which means that a person's immune system, which normally protects the body from infection and disease, overreacts, resulting in damage to the body's own tissues. Sarcoidosis is often serious and can even be life-threatening, especially if you do not know you have it. The cause remains unknown and there is no cure.

The Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR) is the nation's leading organization dedicated to improving care for patients and to finding a cure for this disease. Since 2000, FSR has funded numerous domestic and international research efforts and has provided resources to thousands of patients, their families and their physicians. For more information, please visit www.stopsarcoidosis.org.