



## Valley nonprofit to host annual 'Walk With Me' family fun walk

*Walk to benefit services for young children with disabilities on Saturday, May 4*

**PHOENIX** (April 9, 2013) – On Saturday, May 4, Easter Seals Southwest Human Development will host the fifth annual Walk With Me fundraising event at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix to benefit the nonprofit's programs and services for children with disabilities.

The 1.25-mile family fun walk is a free event that will feature exciting activities for kids, music, food and drinks, community resource information and more. Event check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 8:30 a.m.

"Walk With Me is a great opportunity for people, families and Valley businesses to come together to help create a positive future for children with disabilities," said Ginger Ward, CEO of Easter Seals Southwest Human Development. "It's a chance for our community to meet the Easter Seals ambassador families who have been helped by our programs and to support much-needed services for Arizona's youngest children."

Nearly 1,200 people participated in the 2012 Walk With Me fundraising event, raising over \$213,000 to benefit Easter Seals Southwest Human Development's services for children with disabilities.

"Easter Seals Southwest Human Development has made a huge impact on the lives of young children and families," said Lissette Lent, who brought her daughter Maggie to the nonprofit's Children's Developmental Center when she was having difficulties feeding and experiencing other physical challenges. "Their dedication and passion for helping children succeed in life is incredible."

Sponsored by Humana, Wells Fargo, Delta Dental of Arizona and Squire Sanders, the annual event will be held at Steele Indian School Park, located at 300 E. Indian School Road in Phoenix.

To register or form a walk team online, please visit [www.walkwithme.org/phoenix](http://www.walkwithme.org/phoenix). For questions or to receive additional information, please contact Kelsey Wolf at (602) 224-1759 or [kwolf@swhd.org](mailto:kwolf@swhd.org).

### **About Southwest Human Development**

Founded in 1981, Southwest Human Development has long been recognized as a leader in providing comprehensive services to young children ages birth to five and their families in five primary areas: child health and development, Easter Seals disabilities services, Head Start, early literacy and professional education and training for early childhood professionals. Southwest Human Development is Arizona's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to early childhood development, serving more than 135,000 children and their families each year. For more information, please call (602) 266-5976 or visit [www.swhd.org](http://www.swhd.org).

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