



Annual 'Walk With Me' family fun event to benefit young children with disabilities

PHOENIX (Dec. 2, 2013) – On Saturday, April 26, Southwest Human Development will host the sixth annual Walk With Me fundraising event at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix to benefit the nonprofit's Easter Seals services for young 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 wonderful opportunity for people to come together and help make a positive difference in the lives of young children with disabilities," said Ginger Ward, CEO of Southwest Human Development. "Each year, over 1,000 people come together to meet families who have been helped by our programs and support our much-needed services for Arizona's youngest children with disabilities."

The Walk With Me 2013 fundraising event raised over \$135,000.

"Southwest Human Development has made a huge impact on the lives of young children and families," said Lissette Lent, whose daughter Maggie received services from the Children's Developmental Center at Southwest Human Development. "Their dedication and passion for helping children succeed is incredible."

Presented locally by Humana with national support from CVS Caremark, Amway Global, Century 21 and MassMutual Financial Group, 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, please visit www.walkwithme.org/phoenix. For questions or to receive additional information, please contact Kelsey Wolf at (602) 224-1759 or kwolf@swhd.org.

About Southwest Human Development

Southwest Human Development is Arizona's largest nonprofit dedicated to early childhood development. Recognizing a child's earliest experiences and relationships establish the foundation for all future development, Southwest Human Development's more than 40 programs strengthen the foundation Arizona's children need for a great start in life. Comprehensive services are focused on very young children – ages birth to five – and their families in the areas of child development and mental health, Easter Seals disabilities services, Head Start and early literacy, child welfare and professional education. Learn more at www.swhd.org.

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