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## L.A. Walk To Benefit Children's Tumor Foundation

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Los Angeles, CA — The Children's Tumor Foundation is hosting its first annual LA Walk to benefit those who suffer from neurofibromatosis (NF). The event will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am and will feature both 5K and 10K distances, with proceeds going directly to neurofibromatosis research to better the lives of 1 in 3,500 individuals with NF. Event chairwoman, Joyce Marks, has a special reason for organizing this event. Her nine-year-old son Zach is battling the disorder. "Zachy is my son and your neighbor. He has fought battles with NF and has many more to fight in his future. Though a life threatening complication caused by his NF at the age of five has left him with limited vision, we consider ourselves lucky, but we wonder what the future holds for our son. The Children's Tumor Foundation gives us hope that effective treatments and one day a cure for this disorder will be found. CTF has given us incredible support and is a great resource for our family and others that struggle with NF."

This event is getting the local community involved and knowledgeable about neurofibromatosis. "The support of our community has been wonderful. We are so appreciative to them and are thrilled to educate the public on the seriousness of the disorder," states Alice Gordon, V.P. of Development for the Children's Tumor Foundation. Not only are local residents offering their time by committing to walk and/or raising funds for NF research, but numerous companies have been very generous as well. Cingular Wireless, UPS, Mervyn's, Long's Drugs, Coldstone Creamery and H.B. Drollinger Company are the major sponsors of this event.

The 2006 LA Walk For Children's Tumor Foundation will be on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, rain or shine. Both the 5K and 10K courses begin and end in the Long's Drugs parking lot, located at 8900 Sepulveda West Way, LA, CA 90045. Pre-Registration fee is \$25 for an individual and \$50 for a family. Day-of registration fees are \$30 for an individual and \$55 for a family. Pre-registration ends on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. To register for the event or for more information, please call 310.621.8339 or email [agordon@ctf.org](mailto:agordon@ctf.org).

### About the Children's Tumor Foundation:

The Children's Tumor Foundation is the leading not-for-profit health organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of the 1 in 3,500 individuals living with neurofibromatosis by funding research to enable effective treatments and ultimately a cure for NF. For more information about the Children's Tumor Foundation, please visit [www.ctf.org](http://www.ctf.org) or call 212-344-6633.

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