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Press Release

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HISPANICS IMPACTED BY SICKLE CELL DISEASE

Baltimore, MD. In the U.S., an estimated 1 out of 1,000-1,400 Hispanic newborns has sickle cell disease. Hispanics, like African Americans, are among the groups most affected by sickle cell in the U.S. Sickle cell disease, which is the most common genetic disorder in the U.S., also affects people of many nationalities including Italians, Latin Americans, Greeks, Arabs, and Asiatic Indians.

The Hispanic community is now the largest minority group with 44.3 million people or 14.8 percent of the population as of July 1, 2006. The Hispanic community is projected to increase to 49.4 million by 2010. Given the relative lack of support for research and treatment of sickle cell disease, there is an urgent need for more funding to address disparities in health care treatment in order to avoid what could become a public health care challenge.

September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, and on Saturday, September 15, The William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund will hold its 2nd annual fundraiser in Baltimore. Oprah Winfrey Show regular contributor, "Dr. Robin" Smith will deliver the keynote address. The event will honor Dr. Sophie Lanzkron of the Sickle Cell Center for Adults at Johns Hopkins and Ms. Jean R. Wadman, Advanced Nurse Practitioner in the Sickle Cell Program at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support sickle cell programs in the Mid-Atlantic region.

When: Saturday, September 15th

Where: Renaissance Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$60 per person - General reception;
\$125 per person - VIP reception

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Tickets: On sale now; may be purchased via
phone or online

Sponsorships: May be purchased via phone or online

Website: www.wepsicklecell.org

The William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund is a 501(c)
(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization whose purpose
is to promote treatment, research and education about
sickle cell disease.

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