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# Press Release

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## **OPRAH WINFREY SHOW'S DR. ROBIN COMES TO BALTIMORE**

Baltimore, MD. The William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund (WEPSCF) is pleased to announce that "Dr. Robin" Smith of the Oprah Winfrey Show and "Oprah and Friends" on Satellite Radio will be the featured speaker at their September 15<sup>th</sup> fundraiser at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore.

Dr. Robin is one of the most sought after speakers and relationship experts in the country. She has appeared on NBC/The Today Show, worked for ABC News/Good Morning America, and appeared on CBS/The Early Show, MSNBC, and The Fox News Channel.

United States Senators Thomas Carper (Delaware) and Benjamin Cardin (Maryland), U.S. Representative Elijah E. Cummings (Maryland), Maryland State Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, and State Senator Verna Jones are among the honorary chairpersons for the event.

The fundraiser 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. The WEPSCF will use proceeds from the fundraiser to support sickle cell programs in the Mid-Atlantic region.

"September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, and we hope to raise awareness about the devastating impact this disease has on the lives of sickle cell patients and their families," says Dr. Karen L. Proudford, President of the Fund.

Though sickle cell disease is the most common genetic disorder in the United States, few people know about the disease. Honorary Chairperson Mimi Roeder-Vaughan, of Roeder Travel, stresses, "No one wants to see someone, especially a child, suffer. We can really make a difference by gathering around these individuals and their families and letting them know they aren't alone."

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  
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is to promote treatment, research and education about  
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