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"THE BIGGEST LOSER" WINNER DANNY CAHILL TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Supporters Will Be Inspired for Upcoming Fundraising Year

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (October 21, 2011) – The public is invited to attend the 2012 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Sponsor Kickoff Meeting and Awards Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 22 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Danny Cahill, The Biggest Loser winner, will launch the upcoming 2012 fundraising year by speaking on behalf of Oklahoma's children.

Funds raised locally through CMN Hospitals support programs of Children's Hospital Foundation to improve the health of Oklahoma's children. The kickoff will celebrate the life of one of those children, Spencer Holt, the 2012 CMN Hospitals Oklahoma City Champion Child.

Spencer's life has been a miracle since his birth in August 2008. After being diagnosed at birth with Achondroplasia, doctors also discovered he was deaf. At eleven-months-old, he went into a temporary coma following a stomach surgery. The Children's Hospital Foundation supported genetics team soon discovered Spencer's blood sugar was extremely low. After a scare he might not make it through the night, Spencer's family has learned to check his blood sugar regularly. Spencer has undergone several genetic testing attempts and biopsies, yet answers to some problems still remain unseen. For now, his family rejoices that they can enjoy his sweet smile every day.

"Each year it is our privilege to honor the hard work of our sponsors and volunteers at the Sponsor Kickoff Meeting and Awards Luncheon," said Jan Dunham, CMN Hospitals Director. "This is a time to sincerely thank them for their dedication, loyalty and admirable vision of making Oklahoma a state where all our children can have every opportunity to lead strong, healthy and vital lives. Our sponsors and volunteers are the heart of our organization."

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is an international non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness while keeping 100 percent of donations in the community where they are raised. Children's Hospital Foundation is a proud affiliate of CMN Hospitals and is dedicated to providing funding for pediatric programs in research, education and clinical care for Oklahoma's children.

Join us as we award passionate Oklahomans who inspire us daily to increase our fundraising efforts to ensure that Oklahoma's children receive the best care without leaving the state.

For more information or to make a reservation, please visit www.okchf.org or call Natalie Himes at 405-271-9008.

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ABOUT US:

Children's Hospital Foundation, proud affiliate of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, is a nonprofit 501c (3) organization in Oklahoma striving to improve the health of children. Since its inception in 1983, Children's Hospital Foundation, through its volunteer board and vast community support, has funded pediatric research and education programs including collaborative projects with the OU Department of Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center, OU Children's Physicians and the University Hospitals Authority and Trust. For more information, contact Executive Director, Kathy McCracken at 405.650.1718 or visit our website: www.okchf.org.