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Trauma Reunion Unites Survivors with Life-Saving Doctors

Los Angeles California-May 7, 2011--The LAC+USC Medical Center will host its Fourth Annual Trauma Survivorship Reunion “**Celebrating Miracles on Marengo Street**” on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, where 30 trauma-survivor patients, their families and members of the medical center acclaimed Trauma healthcare team will come together to cherish the lives of patients who have survived devastating and traumatic injuries. This celebration recognizes the tireless efforts and encouragement provided by family, friends, doctors, and nurses who did not only provide care, but who are constantly inspired by the courage, tenacity and will power shown by these patients.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Suzanne Manriques, field deputy for Supervisor Gloria Molina as well as other local dignitaries will be participating in this life celebration event.

The celebration will be held at the Inpatient Tower located at 2051 Marengo Street Los Angeles CA 90033. Conference rooms A & B on the main entrance floor (**Speaker’s Program begins promptly at 1:00PM**).

“Behind every trauma there is a patient and a family whose life is traumatically impacted. It is during this difficult time that they need the very best trauma care. A good trauma center is the best commodity that society can provide for them,” says Dr. Demetrios Demetriades, Director of Trauma/Surgical Critical Care.

The LAC+USC Medical Center is a “level 1” Trauma Center and one of the largest and busiest trauma facilities in the United States. Traumatic injuries are the leading causes of death in persons under the age of 40 which affects a substantial percentage of the US population. The estimated national annual cost for the care of trauma victims exceeds \$200 billion dollars. Members of the LAC+USC trauma team consist of specialized doctors and nurses as well as members of the US Navy.

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