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COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES SUPPORTS HEALTHY CHICAGO INITIATIVE

Joint Program with HHS, AMA, and City Department of Public Health Presents Assistant U.S. Surgeon General Rear Admiral James M. Galloway M.D.

CHICAGO (September 8, 2008) -- Community Health Charities of Illinois (CHCI) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region V, will host a symposium for corporate social responsibility and human resources executives concerned with workforce wellness on Thursday, September 25, at 3:00 p.m. The event will introduce the *Building a Healthier Chicago* Initiative and features Rear Admiral James M. Galloway, M.D., Region V Regional Health Administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The event is open to the business community and will be held at the Mid-America Club, 200 East Randolph Street, Chicago.

"We're grateful to Community Health Charities for gathering its core constituencies to learn about this program to improve the quality of life and health of Chicago residents, as a model for all urban centers across the country," Admiral Galloway said. "As a federation of 38 premier health charities, active in over 200 Illinois workplaces, CHCI focuses on connecting employers and employees to the health resources and health issues they care about, and thus is uniquely qualified to carry our message to the business community."

Building a Healthier Chicago **(**BHC**)** is a coalition of local and national stakeholders working to promote the health of Chicago residents and employees. Founding Partners of BHC are the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the City of Chicago Department of Public Health, and the American Medical Association, with Community Health Charities of Illinois as a collaborating partner. BHC promotes and tracks the adoption of selected programs, practices, policies, and supportive environments throughout the worksites, schools, health care organizations, faith based organizations, parks and neighborhoods of Chicago.

Thomas Herman, CFO of Ariel Investments and a CHCI director, added, "Hosting this event is a perfect expression of Ariel's corporate values and our commitment to strengthen the neighborhoods and cities in which we live and work, practicing a hands-on model of corporate responsibility."

Space for this public event is limited, and reservations should be made by contacting Community Health Charities of Illinois at 312 360 0382 or info@healthcharitiesillinois.org. Seating preference will be given to executives of companies with 250 employees or more.

Over 125 million Americans are affected each year by the diseases and health conditions addressed by the members of Community Health Charities, which nationally dispenses some $85 million annually for patient services, research and health education. Complete information about the Illinois affiliate is at www.healthcharitiesillinois.org.

A list of CHC member agencies is appended.

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MEMBER AGENCIES

AIDS Research Foundation (amfAR)
Alzheimer's Association
AMC Cancer Research Center
American Diabetes Association
American Hearing Research Foundation
American Liver Foundation – Illinois Chapter
American Lung Association
Arthritis Foundation
Autism Speaks
Breast Cancer Network of Support, Illinois Affiliate (fka Y-ME)
Cancer Research Institute
Children's Memorial Hospital
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Easter Seals Society
Epilepsy Foundation
Hemophilia Foundation of Illinois
Illinois Hospice & Palliative Care Organization
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Les Turner ALS Foundation
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Little City Foundation
Lupus Foundation of Illinois
March of Dimes Foundation
Mental Health America of Illinois
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois
NAMI Illinois (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
National Kidney Foundation of Illinois
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Parkinson's disease Foundation
Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois
Sudden Infant Death Services
Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
The Arc/Illinois (Disabled Empowerment)
United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois

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