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Mary Black To Host Wounded Soldier Ride, Carolinas Challenge

SPARTANBURG, SC – For the third consecutive year Mary Black Health System, is pleased to host the Soldier Ride, Carolinas Challenge, on Saturday October 24, 2009. The event begins at 9:00am in the front parking lot of Mary Black Health System’s Medical Office Building III located on the hospital campus. A brief introduction of the soldiers will be held and then riders will embark on the route of their choice, either 25 or 62 miles. A five mile route is available for those desiring to walk.

The Soldier Ride is a project of Wounded Warrior, an organization founded by a group of veterans touched by stories of their wounded “brothers” returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq. The mission of Wounded Warrior is “to raise public awareness and enlist the public’s aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, to help severely injured service members to aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.”

The Soldier’s Ride offers wounded servicemen and women the opportunity to reinvigorate their bodies and uplift their spirits. Wounded Warrior provides each service person with the adaptive equipment they need to cycle. The ride enables the soldiers to lead active, independent lives. It also gives others the opportunity to demonstrate support and appreciation of the brave men and women’s sacrifices.

“We are honored to have the opportunity to host this event for a third year. It is touching and inspiring to witness the incredible heart of these brave service men and women. Even if you are unable to actually participate in the walk or ride, I encourage all who can to join us at 9:00 am for the introduction of these awesome soldiers. We want to demonstrate our sincere appreciation for their sacrifices in fighting for our daily freedoms,” stated David Cope, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Mary Black Health System. Cope along with MBHS’ hospital pharmacy director, Bill Galarneau, Jr and Howard Bean, MD of Mary Black’s Carolina Family Medical Practice plan to join the soldiers in the ride.

Bike clubs and individuals are welcomed to participate for a small \$50 per person donation. All proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project. For more information or to donate, please go to www.carolinaschallenge.org or call 864-433-8886. Pre-Registration and participant packet pick up will be held on Friday October 23 from 4pm to 6pm at Medical Office Building III on the Mary Black Hospital Campus and also the morning of the ride Saturday October 24 from 7:30am to 8:30am in the MBHS Medical Office Building III. Those desiring to volunteer to staff rest and snack stations along the ride route are encouraged to call Sandi Ceremuga at 573-3124.

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