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**Grab Your Sneakers and “Walk With Us” to
Benefit the Children of Blythedale**
*Annual Walkathon to be held on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at
The Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY*

VALHALLA, NY (March 2011) – Blythedale Children's Hospital has announced it will hold its annual fundraising walkathon, “Walk With Us”, on Sunday, May 22, 2011, on the campus of The Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY. This morning event is scheduled to open for registration at 9:00 a.m., with a 5K walk slated to kick-off at 10:00 a.m. There will be free activities available for the whole family on-site, as well as donated goodies.

“This is always a great event for Blythedale,” said Hospital President and CEO Larry Levine. “We are so grateful to our surrounding community for supporting our children. I encourage everyone to come out and join us as we work together to provide our patients with a brighter future.”

Participants are encouraged to form a fundraising walk team, join a team, or set up an individual fundraising walk page. You can register online, at <http://www.active.com/donate/blythedale> or visit the Hospital website at www.blythedale.org

All fundraisers will receive a free Blythedale T-shirt at the event, as well as complimentary Starbucks coffee and ice cream from Ben & Jerry's (courtesy of Starbucks downtown Scarsdale, and Ben & Jerry's Mt. Kisco).

For further information, please contact Director of Annual Giving and Special Events Carey Dalton at (914) 592-7138, ext. 303 or careyd@blythedale.org.

About Blythedale Children's Hospital

As New York's only freestanding, specialty children's hospital, Blythedale Children's Hospital is dedicated to improving the health status and quality of life of children with complex medical illnesses and disabling conditions through superb multi-disciplinary patient care, teaching, research, and advocacy programs. Blythedale's board-certified physicians, nurses, clinical staff (social workers, respiratory therapists, clinical pharmacists, Child Life specialists, etc.) and New York State's largest hospital-based pediatric therapy department (PT, OT and Speech) work together to provide intensive and innovative multi-disciplinary clinical and therapeutic care to help children achieve their medical and rehabilitative goals for independent living, and return to their communities. Blythedale is also the only Hospital in New York State with its own on-site public school district, the Mount Pleasant-Blythedale Union Free School District. For more information about Blythedale Children's Hospital, visit www.blythedale.org