



THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND'S 2004 NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMES TO HUNTINGTON, WV

*Medical Directors & Experts From Across the Country
Convene in Huntington to Discuss Issues Related to
Medical Care for Underserved Children*

Keynote Speakers Include: The Children's Health Fund's President & Co-founder Irwin Redlener, M.D. and Congressman Nick Rahall

(NEW YORK, NY) – October 6, 2004 – **The Children's Health Fund (CHF)** will gather in Huntington, WV from October 13-16 to discuss numerous topics related to medical care for underserved children, including **childhood asthma, access to health care strategies for service delivery in rural locations, oral health, and national child health policy.**

CHF, a national non-profit organization with 17 urban and rural projects across the country, including West Virginia, New York, (its first), and Idaho (its most recent project), is committed to providing health care to the nation's most medically underserved children. **CHF** is the only non-profit that advocates nationally for these causes and also supports clinical care to children.

Dr. Redlener co-founded **CHF** in 1987 with singer / songwriter Paul Simon in response to the devastating lack of health care for children and families in New York City. "We look forward to the meetings in Huntington as an opportunity to share experiences and increase understanding of the challenges we face. The fact is that West Virginia, like so much of the nation, is facing a continuing crises of children unable to get the health care they need," stated Irwin Redlener, M.D.

As a recognized national health policy expert, pediatrician-child advocate Dr. Redlener has published, spoken and testified extensively on the subjects of health care for homeless and indigent children, child abuse and emergency preparedness. "We look forward to having Congressman Rahall join us to discuss the transportation barriers to health care faced by many in West Virginia," continued Dr. Redlener.

The Children's Health Fund's West Virginia Children's Health Project, co- host of this year's conference, was established in January 1992 and is affiliated with the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Isabel Pino, M.D. is the Medical Director.

The Children's Health Fund is committed to providing health care to the nation's most medically underserved children through the development and support of innovative pediatric programs, mobile-based clinics and the promotion of guaranteed access to appropriate health care for all children. To date, **The Children's Health Fund's** national network of 17 pediatric programs has treated more than 350,000 children. For more information visit www.childrenshealthfund.org

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