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**SINGER PAUL SIMON JOINS SEN. HARRY REID AND SPEAKER
NANCY PELOSI TO CALL ON CONGRESS TO REMEMBER THE
NEEDS OF KIDS IN THE HEALTH CARE REFORM DEBATE**

**SIMON AND DR. IRWIN REDLENER, CO-FOUNDERS OF THE
CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND, TO HIGHLIGHT ECONOMIC IMPACT
ON HEALTH OF NATION'S KIDS**

**With Partners, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and
National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related
Institutions (NACHRI)**

Jane Pauley, Chair Children's Health Fund's Advisory Council to make opening remarks

Majority Leader Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) will join Children's Health Fund (CHF) co-founders Dr. Irwin Redlener and singer/songwriter Paul Simon on Wednesday, September 16 at 11:30 at the West Capitol Lawn to raise awareness of the more than twenty-one million kids who will benefit from President Obama's proposed health care plan.

The legislators, Simon and Dr. Redlener will highlight particular needs of children who have been overshadowed in the on-going debate. Children are the least expensive age group to care for, costing about 20% as much per year as adults. Providing quality preventive care can reduce long-term health care costs, a fact that is missed in Congressional Budget Office fiscal projections which limit the window for savings to 10 years. **Keeping children healthy pays a lifetime of dividends, as can be quantified with reference to chronic conditions associated with obesity, and to the most common childhood chronic condition, asthma. Expanding health coverage improves access to care and health outcomes; further, it ensures all children have access to timely, continuous and comprehensive health care.**

CHF supports programs that provide comprehensive health care to the nation's most medically

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underserved children through innovative primary care medical programs and the promotion of guaranteed access to appropriate health care for all children. Through unique mobile medical units and fixed-site clinics, CHF offers a "medical home" to thousands of children each year. www.childrenshealthfund.org .

WHAT: Major pediatric provider groups and Congressional Leaders come together to underscore the importance of health care reform for children.

WHO: Paul Simon, Singer & Co-Founder of Children's Health Fund
Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)
Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Dr. Irwin Redlener, President & Co-Founder, Children's Health Fund & Professor of Clinical Population and Family Health, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Jane Pauley, Children's Health Fund's Advisory Council Chair
David Tayloe, President, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
Larry McAndrews, President, National Association of Children's Hospitals & Related Institutions (NACHRI)

WHEN: Wednesday, September 16
11:30 AM
West Capitol Lawn

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