



Children's Health Fund

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Children's Health Fund Responds to Public Health Crisis in Lower Plaquemines Parish With Launch of Crisis Response Unit to Serve Children and Families Impacted by the BP Oil Spill

- WHO:** CHF President & co-Founder **Irwin Redlener, M.D.**, will be joined by **Jane Pauley**, CHF Board Member and Chair CHF's Advisory Council, representatives from Tulane University and the Plaquemines Community C.A.R.E Centers Foundation, Inc. and local residents for the commemorative launch of the new crisis response unit.
- WHAT:** New **Crisis Response Unit** will bring badly needed medical, mental, and public health services to families in lower Plaquemines Parish—a medically underserved region that has yet to rebuild a permanent health care facility after Hurricane Katrina. A multi-disciplinary team will serve the region via a mobile medical clinic where clinical assessments, evaluations, counseling and referrals will be provided for the more than 5,900 children in the area, whose parents reported significant medical and mental health needs after the BP oil spill.
- WHEN:** Friday, October 8, 2010, 11:00 am
- WHERE:** **Old Location of Plaquemines Medical Center (near South Plaquemines High School)**
311 Civic Drive
Port Sulphur, LA 70083

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Founded in 1987 by singer/songwriter Paul Simon and pediatrician/advocate Irwin Redlener, MD, Children's Health Fund (CHF) is the nation's leading pediatric provider of mobile-based health care for homeless and low-income children and their families. CHF's mission is to bring health care directly to those in need through the development and support of innovative medical programs, response to public health crises, and the promotion of guaranteed access to health care for all children. CHF currently has 50 mobile medical clinics serving 100's of locations across the country. Over the past 23 years, the organization has supported more than two million health care visits for disadvantaged children, often in places where doctors and health care providers are in short supply. For more information about CHF, visit www.childrenshealthfund.org.