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The Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research Hosts K.I.S.S. Chicago 2013

Leave February far behind! Hop aboard our flying carpet, and journey with us to find a cure!

CHICAGO (November 15, 2012) — The Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR) is pleased to host its annual benefit, K.I.S.S. (Kick in to Stop Sarcoidosis) on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at River East Art Center in downtown Chicago. This year's magical Arabian Nights-themed evening will bring together hundreds of supporters to raise funds for sarcoidosis research. Enjoy delights of the *One Thousand and One* variety with snake charmers, fortune-telling, belly-dancers, music, even blackjack, roulette, and more! A strolling dinner of delicious delicacies and exotic cocktail concoctions inspired by the flavors of the Middle East await. The night is sure to transport guests to another fantastical world. Saharan Chic Attire Encouraged!

A silent auction will be comprised of unique and experiential items, and one lucky person will win \$1,000 from a cash raffle! Proceeds from the event will fund FSR's research and educational initiatives, which are the core of The Foundation's mission. This night will help us support valuable research to find better treatments and ultimately, a cure for this devastating disease. Current K.I.S.S. sponsors include Sloan Valve, Foley & Lardner LLP, Lakeshore Sport and Fitness, and NBC - 5 Chicago. Catering by Entertaining Company and music provided by renowned DJ Peter Canellis and Chicago Mobile DJs. Tickets are \$175 per person and available online at <a href="https://www.stopsarcoidosis.org">www.stopsarcoidosis.org</a> or by calling (866) 358-KISS (5477).

## **About Sarcoidosis**

Sarcoidosis (pronounced SAR-COY-DOE-SIS) is a potentially fatal inflammatory disease that can appear in almost any organ in the body. Although the lungs are affected in more than 90% of patients, the disease often attacks the heart, eyes, central nervous system, liver and kidneys. While progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, the cause remains unknown. Increased research is needed to discover the cause, improve treatment, and find a cure for sarcoidosis.

## About the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research

The Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure for sarcoidosis and to improving care for patients with the disease. Since its establishment in 2000, FSR has funded nearly \$1 million in sarcoidosis-specific research. For more information about FSR, to volunteer, or make a donation, visit: <a href="https://www.stopsarcoidosis.org">www.stopsarcoidosis.org</a>