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### K.I.S.S. Chicago 2013 *Rocks the Casbah!*

**CHICAGO (February, 22 2013)** — On Saturday, February 9, 2013, The Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR) hosted K.I.S.S. (Kick in to Stop Sarcoidosis) at the River East Art Center in downtown Chicago. The magical Arabian Nights-themed evening brought together almost 300 supporters to raise funds for sarcoidosis research.

Guests enjoyed delights of the *One Thousand and One* variety featuring live camels, a snake charmer, a belly-dancer, and even a monkey, along with a "KISSino" offering craps, blackjack, and roulette! Entertaining Company provided delicious delicacies inspired by the flavors of the Middle East. A soirée fit for sultans, K.I.S.S. Chicago 2013 transported guests to another fantastical world on a quest to find a cure for this disease.

Proceeds from the event fund FSR's research and educational initiatives, which are the core of the Foundation's mission. K.I.S.S. sponsors included Pfizer, Sloan Valve, Foley & Lardner LLP, The Nash Family, Burrell Communications, University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System, @properties, Lakeshore Sport & Fitness, SPLASH, a Chicago Sun-Times Publication, NBC - 5 Chicago, and Real Russian Vodka. Music was provided by renowned DJ, Peter Canellis, and Chicago Mobile DJs.

### 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:

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