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Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition presents the Asthma Fair/Walk 2007 in Oakdale

Stanislaus County – The Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition announces the annual Asthma Fair/Walk 2007 that will be held on **Saturday, April 21st** at the **Sierra View Elementary School**, located at **1323 East J Street in Oakdale**. The walk will take place from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and the fair from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is a free event and open to the entire community.

The theme of this year's fair is "Walk for Asthma!". Dr. Wallace Carroll, an allergist and Chairman of the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition, will conduct presentations on "What is Asthma?". There will be Asthma information booths, "Ask a Doctor" and "Ask a Pharmacist", spirometry readings and other health screenings. Prizes will be given away throughout the fair, including two drawings for a HEPA vacuum cleaner!

The American Lung Association estimates that 26,808 Stanislaus County adults and 12,580 children are at risk for Asthma problems due to poor air quality; and the California Health Interview Study (2005) estimates about 14,000 children have been diagnosed with Asthma in Stanislaus County.

According to Dr. Wallace Carroll, allergist at Sutter Gould Medical Foundation, "*We would like to encourage the community at large to attend the fourth Asthma Fair and first walk in the City of Oakdale to learn about asthma and resources available to their families*". The mission of the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition is "to create an "asthma friendly" community by promoting awareness, education, management and prevention." The Health Services Agency, the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are encouraging Americans to identify and reduce their exposures to environmental triggers in homes and schools, and incorporate environmental controls into their Asthma management plan.

Those interested in participating in the Walk for Asthma or need more information about the Asthma Fair 2007, please call the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition at 558-4846 or 558-4588. Visit the coalition's website at www.stanasthma.org

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