YNHCH will host Trike Fair for children with special-needs

New Haven, CT - May 13, 2009 - Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital's (YNHCH) and the Department of Rehabilitation Services will host a Trike Fair on Thursday, May 21, 2009. The fair will run from 5 - 7:30 pm in the parking lot of One Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, the site of the Pediatric Rehabilitation Services outpatient facility.

Families of children and youth with special-needs are invited to stop by and try out specially-adapted therapeutic tricycles. If therapists determine that your child could benefit from a therapeutic tricycle, he or she may be placed on a wish list to receive a free AmTryke® tricycle or place an order to purchase one.

Driven by hand and/or feet, therapeutic tricycles can improve strength, coordination and self-esteem for children and youth with disabilities, or with movement difficulties that prevent them from riding a typically-built tricycle or bicycle with their peers.

AmTryke® therapeutic tricycles are provided by AMBUCSTM Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the purchase of a therapeutic tricycle for a special-needs child may donate online at www.ynhh.org and click on "donate to YNHH" at the top of the page or visit www.AMBUCS.com.

Questions about the Trike Fair may be directed to Christina Rao, pediatric physical therapist at (203) 688-7112 or christina.rao@ynhh.org

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