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Annual benefit raises community awareness and provides support for individuals affected by Multiple Sclerosis

The Kym Sellers Foundation is hosting its thirteenth annual benefit at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval Drive, Cleveland.

For 20 years, Kym Sellers of Cleveland's Radio One, WZAK 93.1, has battled the disease, providing outreach and education for those diagnosed with MS and their families.

The Kym Sellers Foundation (The KSF) was founded by Kym Sellers in April, 2000 as the direct result of Kym being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1992. Multiple Sclerosis is an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system.

Kym's desire was to share her personal experiences about this mysterious disease, thus she created an organization with a purpose dedicated solely to individuals in the Greater Cleveland and Akron areas, including their families and friends who are affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

"It seems that every year, more and more people in our community learn of someone they know who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis," Sellers said. "The Kym Sellers Foundation is here to serve and support those members of our community who have been diagnosed with MS."

Participation is open to all individuals who are affected by MS, regardless of race, religion, national origin, or socio-economic status. The mission of The KSF is to provide outreach, awareness and education to individuals with Multiple Sclerosis and their families, in order for them to have a meaningful effect and significant impact on their quality of life. The Kym Sellers Foundation’s goals are to:

-- Provide education and promote awareness about the effects of MS, its care and treatment; and its potential effect, particularly for African-Americans and other minorities.

-- Produce workshops, seminars and other educational programs on MS including, but not limited to, new medical treatments and medication, employment, wellness, alternative therapies, exercise and diet, family relationships, and legal matters.

-- Provide a vehicle for individuals to receive information in order to access care and treatment.

Since its inception, the KSF has provided a variety of educational and supportive activities that include:

• Raising funds to support educational activities.

• Increasing the capacity for African-Americans and other minorities to participate in appropriate educational initiatives regarding MS.

• Providing support and education to individuals affected by MS.

• Increasing awareness and access to services for minorities, specifically African-Americans.

For ticket information please contact 216-721-2385. For more information about the event contact Kathryn Hall, 216-577-3087.