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Trauma Reunion Unites Survivors with Life-Saving Doctors

- WHAT:** The LAC+USC Medical Center will host its third annual Survivorship Reunion “Celebration of Life” where more than 35 trauma-surviving patients, their families, and members of the hospital’s acclaimed Trauma healthcare team will come together to cherish the lives of patients who survived devastating traumatic injuries. The celebration recognizes the tireless effort and encouragement provided by family members, friends, doctors and nurses who not only provide care, but who have been inspired from by the courage and tenacity of these patients.
- WHEN:** Saturday, May 1, 2010
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (**Formal Program begins at 2:00 PM**)
- WHERE:** LAC+USC Medical Center Inpatient Tower. Located at 2051 Marengo Los Angeles CA 90033. Conference Rooms A & B
Media Parking is available in lots 9-D, lot 5, and lot 12-A (Trucks can unload in the patient drop off area outside of the Inpatient tower)
- ABOUT:** The LAC+USC Medical Center is a “Level 1” Trauma Center and one of the largest and busiest trauma facilities in the United States. During 2009, the Division of Trauma Surgery saw over 4,500 trauma cases. Trauma is the leading cause of death in persons under the age of 40 and affects a substantial percentage of the US population. The estimated national annual cost for the care of trauma victims exceeds \$200 billion per year. Members of the LAC+USC trauma team include specialized doctors and nurses, and members of the US Navy. “Behind every trauma there is a patient and a family who deserves the very best and a good trauma center is the best commodity that society can provide for them”, said Dr. Demetrios Demetriades, Director of Trauma/Surgical Critical Care at LAC+USC Medical Center.

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