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DR. IRWIN REDLENER, CO-FOUNDER OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND, APPOINTED WE ARE FAMILY FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

(New York – November 26, 2007) Pediatrician/child-advocate Irwin Redlener, MD, President and Co-Founder of The Children's Health Fund (CHF), joins the We Are Family Foundation (WAFF) Board of Governors.

Dr. Redlener and singer/songwriter Paul Simon co-founded CHF in 1987 to provide free healthcare to poor and medically underserved families in both urban and rural locations, as well as advocate for policies and public programs that remove roadblocks to quality healthcare for all children. CHF's 21 pediatric primary care programs include state-of-the-art mobile medical units and fixed-site clinics, and a skilled team of doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, nutritionists and other support staff.

In addition to his work at CHF, Dr. Redlener is also Associate Dean, Professor of Clinical Public Health and Pediatrics, as well as Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. In 1993 he served as a member of the White House Task Force on Health Reform under President Clinton, and from 1997 through 2003 he helped in the development of the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, which remains one of the most advanced and innovative hospitals in the world. He helped establish on-going medical and public health programs following Hurricane Katrina, organized medical response teams after the 9/11 attacks, and assisted relief efforts in Honduras, Guatemala, Ethiopia and South Florida. Dr. Redlener continues to publish, speak and testify extensively for homeless and indigent children, child abuse and neglect, and national health policy.

"We are honored to have Dr. Redlener as a WAFF Governor. His extensive expertise and efforts in numerous key issues that affect millions of people worldwide – and that ultimately make this world a better place – are invaluable to the growth of the We Are Family Foundation," said WAFF Founder, Nile Rodgers.

CHF is currently collaborating with WAFF to promote global understanding and discussions of important family/diversity issues through the distribution of WAFF's *We Are Family: A Musical Message for All* children's educational program. The DVD, which features over 100 beloved children's characters singing "We Are Family," is designed to promote the message of a global family and fulfill WAFF's mission of inspiring and educating people about mutual respect, understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. The music video will be distributed to children and families seeking medical care from CHF across the country.

"I am delighted and honored to join a very diverse and talented group of individuals in support of this wonderful organization," said Redlener. "Through The Children's Health Fund's national network of programs, we are able to partner with the We Are Family Foundation to engage children and families by promoting the critical message of diversity and peace."

About We Are Family Foundation

The We Are Family Foundation (WAFF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2002 by legendary songwriter/musician/producer Nile Rodgers. Based on the name of Rodgers' world famous song "We Are Family," WAFF's mission is to celebrate the vision of a global family by creating and supporting programs that inspire and educate people about mutual respect, understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. **For more information, visit www.wearefamilyfoundation.org**

About The Children's Health Fund

Founded in 1987 by pediatrician/child advocate Irwin Redlener, MD, and singer/songwriter Paul Simon, The Children's Health Fund (CHF) works nationally to develop health care programs for the most medically underserved population – homeless and disadvantaged children. CHF's 21 pediatric programs have provided essential primary care services in more than one million patient visits. **For more information visit www.childrenshealthfund.org**

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