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**The Sturge-Weber Foundation and Lurie Children's Hospital
Announce Sturge-Weber Syndrome Education Forum**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017, HOUSTON, TEXAS – The Sturge-Weber Foundation (SWF), a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization and the Anne & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, IL will be hosting a special Education Forum on Sturge-Weber syndrome, Saturday, October 21, 2017.

The event will be at the Anne & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, 225 E. Chicago, Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM. This event is an opportunity for patients and caregivers to discuss treatments for SWS with experts at the hospital, learn about new treatments and research being done, ask questions and connect with other parents and patients with SWS. For further information about this Education Day, contact Carolyn Kiolbasa at 312-227-8521 or email: vlc@luriechildrens.org.

The Anne & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital is one of 25 centers world-wide that is a member of the SWF Clinical Care Network (CCN), a network of medical centers that have come alongside the Foundation to treat, collaborate, research and educate patients, families and the public about SWS and other Port Wine Birthmark (PWB) conditions. "The SWF recognizes the collaborative care received at the centers plays a key role in improving the quality of life for individuals living with these conditions. Together patients, dedicated physicians and the SWF will increase the pace of discovery," says Karen L. Ball, Founder and CEO of SWF.

The Vision of the Sturge-Weber Foundation is that in all areas of life – public, professional, personal – these goals will be achievable for our members – Awareness, when the public will be able to see past the disability to the person.; Empowerment, when families and individuals will be able to obtain the medical care, employment, education, respect and personal achievement they seek; and Research, when the pace of discovery will not be hampered by lack of resources and will lead continually toward a cure and advances in treatment. For additional information on SWF, contact Susan Finnell, sfinnell@sturge-weber.org. Visit us online at <http://www.sturge-weber.org/>