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“BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL’S 32ND ANNUAL WHEELCHAIR GAMES TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2011”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – August 15, 2011 – The Burke Rehabilitation Hospital will host its 32nd Wheelchair Games on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held on Burke’s main campus, 785 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. The sporting event permits disabled persons to excel physically in a variety of track, field and table tennis events. Known for therapeutic benefits, wheelchair sports also build strength, coordination, endurance and self-confidence. According to event co-chair, Tracey Bogart, “Over the years, the wheelchair games have become a tradition for wheelchair athletes from the tri-state area and Burke is proud to be the host for all these years,” she stated. “Additionally, members of the community are invited to attend to cheer on the athletes, participate in the festivities and enjoy the sense of community the games create for all who attend,” she added.

More than 70 athletes are expected to compete. Participants are grouped into four classes according to age and ability - a future division for children ages six and younger; a junior division that covers ages seven through 21; the adult division for ages 22 to 39; and the master division for those over 40. Helmets are required for track and slalom events. Field events include club, softball, javelin, shot put, and discus.

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Track includes 20, 40, 60, 100, 400, 800, and 1,500 meter races and the slalom, an obstacle course. Table
tennis is also featured at the games.

The $25 registration fee for athletes includes lunch. (Note: The registration fee for registrations
received before September 1st is only $20.) Financial assistance is available for athletes who cannot
afford the registration fee so all are encouraged to participate in this event, regardless of their ability to
pay. Admission is free for spectators and the general public. The Wheelchair Games also features carnival
games, live entertainment and raffles. The Games start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30
a.m. and athletes who have not participated before are asked to arrive thirty minutes prior to their
scheduled event for classification.

For additional information and registration, call the Burke Wheelchair Games 2011 hotline, (914)
597-2850, or visit www.burke.org. For those who would like to sponsor an athlete or donate to the games,
please call Burke’s Chief Development Officer, Jenny Lewis at (914) 597-2348. If you would like to
volunteer your time and assist the day of the games, please contact Sandra Alexandrou at (914) 597-2581.

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital. Founded in
1915, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to rehabilitation medicine. Burke
offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness,
traumatic injury or joint replacement surgery. Burke is both an acute rehabilitation hospital and medical
research center. Burke’s world renowned doctors and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment, while
its research scientists explore the frontiers of neurological medicine. All share the Burke mission to
ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury regardless of their
ability to pay.

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