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“BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL SPINAL CORD CONNECTION EDUCATION AND RESOURCE DAY”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – August 22, 2011 – The Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s Spinal Cord Injury program will host a special event on Wednesday, September 14th 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Wood Pavilion (building # 7) on Burke’s main campus, 785 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. The second annual Spinal Cord Connection Day is designed for individuals with spinal cord injury. According to Sandra Alexandrou, PT, Program Director for the inpatient Spinal Cord Injury Program at Burke, “The educational event will provide participants with the opportunity to network with others and receive information regarding available services and products that assist and enhance the daily life of those living with spinal cord injuries, their families and caregivers,” she said. “We are excited that Spinal Cord Connection has become an annual event and we are proud to be able to provide this educational and social event for community members with spinal cord injuries,” she added.

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The day will feature Informational mini workshops throughout the morning on topics such as exercise programs designed for those with spinal cord injuries and tips for traveling when in a wheelchair. The afternoon sessions will include demonstrations of adaptive sports equipment specifically designed for those with spinal cord injuries or others suffering from paralysis.

The indoor-outdoor event will feature a variety of vendors and organizations that work closely with those who have spinal cord injuries. In addition to Burke, other participating groups include Helen Hayes Adapted Sports Program, Push to Walk, See and be Safe, United Spinal Cord Association, Home Medical, ACCES - VR and Helping Hands.

The event includes lunch and is free and open to the public. However, due to limited space, pre-registration is required. To register for this event, please call Sandra Alexandrou, M.P.T., director of Burke’s Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Program, at (914) 597-2581. The deadline for registration is September 9th 2011.

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 and pulmonary 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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