

Oregon Angels

State of Oregon Proclaims June 2009 Scleroderma Awareness Month !

Incredible Summer of Scleroderma Awareness Set for State of Oregon

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The summer of 2009 promises to be an incredible time for local awareness campaigns with two Portland television stations, the State of Oregon, and even the NBA Trail Blazers all

generously participating in chapter events and efforts on behalf of everyone living with scleroderma.



Portland KPTV Fox 12's Debra Gil is the 2009 Media VIP for the chapter's 4th Annual "Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma" benefit walk. Look to Fox 12 News for a report on the walk scheduled for 11am Saturday, July 11 !

And we're just getting started!

First, Governor Ted Kulongoski and Secretary of State Kate Brown have issued an official State of Oregon Proclamation de-

claring June 2009 as Oregon Scleroderma Awareness Month. The Proclamation from the Office of the Governor reads, in part, "the Oregon Chapter of the National Scleroderma (continued on page 3)



Busy on the Set! — Portland KATU's "AM Northwest" crew prepares scleroderma awareness team of Dr. Lauren Kim (white outfit), Fay Maushard (hooded jacket) and Liz Orem-Bedel (blue shirt) for first appearance in 2006. Look to Channel 2's "AM Northwest" again on June 22 !

Preparations Going Strong for 4th Annual “Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma” Walk on Saturday, July 11 in Portland

**Please visit <http://www.scleroderma.org/chapter/oregon/2009walk.shtm>
to register now and join in the fun !**

The 4th Annual *Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma* Benefit Walk is scheduled for Sat., July 11, 2009 starting at The Multnomah Art Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy.) and continuing through lovely Gabriel

and team categories. Walk participants 14 and older pay a registration of \$20 (\$25 day of walk) and are encouraged to recruit fundraising sponsors to support their walk.

The *Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma* Benefit Walk is the Oregon chapter's largest and most visible annual fundraising event.

For more information, call 503-



Warming up for the big walk ! — Register now for “Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma” benefit on July 11, Portland.

Park in southwest Portland.

The event will include entertainment, food, and family activities, in addition to the 2.8 mile-walk (shorter loop also available).

On-site registration, check-in, and the Walk itself all begin at The Multnomah Art Center.

Awards will be given for individual

A T-shirt will be provided to every paid registrant.

Set to begin at 11 a.m. (with registration starting at 10 a.m.), the Family Fun 2.8-Mile Walk-A-Thon benefits the patients and families in the region, increase public awareness and funding for the many people in our area and across the country living with scleroderma.

246-0235, or e-mail Orchapter@scleroderma.org.

To start your own fundraising web site for the event, go directly to <http://www.firstgiving.com/scleroderma-oregon> for the details.

A total of nine event web pages have already been created for the walk. Please support these walkers
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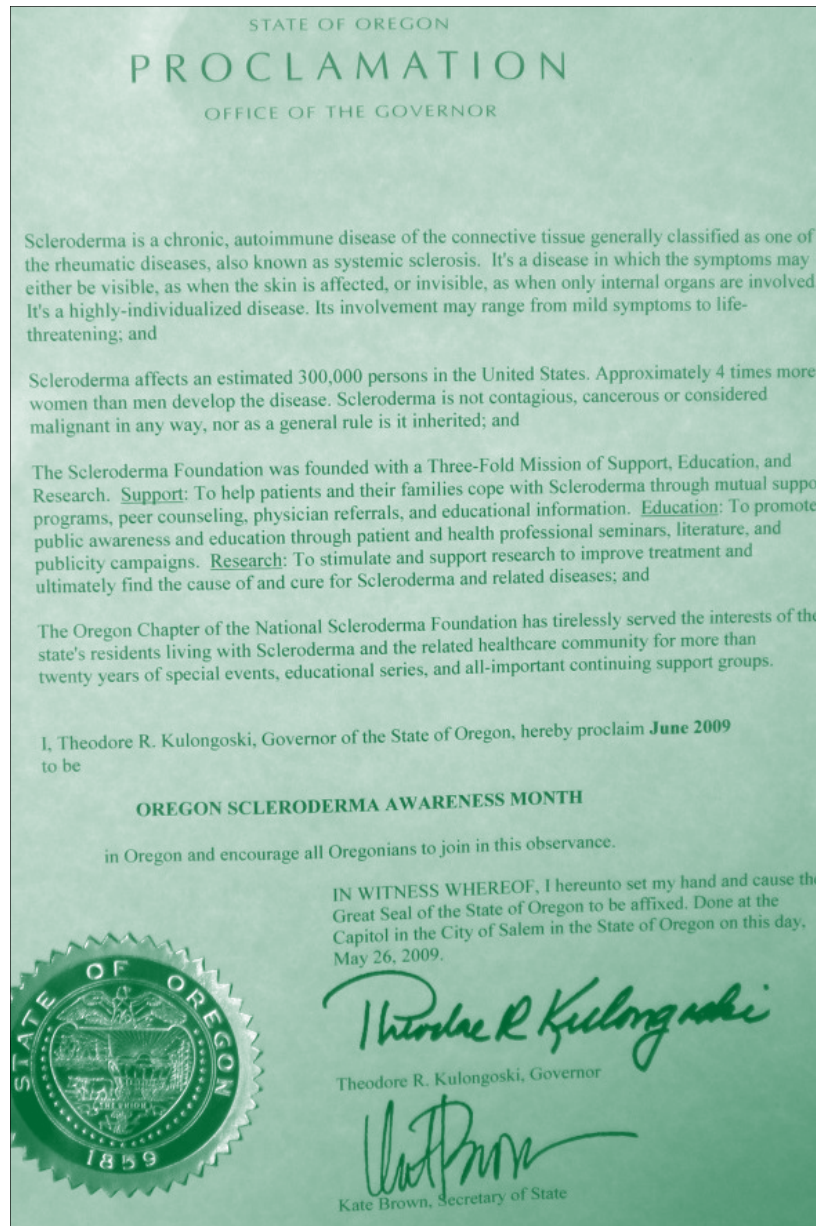
Foundation has tirelessly served the interests of the state's residents living with Scleroderma and the related healthcare community for more than twenty years of special events, educational series, and all-important continuing support groups."

Also, in connection with the local and national scleroderma awareness month campaign, Portland television KATU Channel 2's *AM Northwest* live morning program hosted by Helen Raptis and Dave Anderson is scheduled to feature a chapter awareness team on Monday, June 22. The one-hour program airs weekdays at 9:00am.

This month's broadcast marks the third time in the past four years that KATU's *AM Northwest* will generously offer time on their award-winning program for discussion of scleroderma and local support efforts. Dating back to 2006, *AM Northwest* has offered feature segments for chapter members to share their experiences about living with scleroderma.

This year's program is set to include scleroderma specialist Dr. Lauren H. Kim MD, Chapter Support Group Leader Donna Stone and another chapter member.

representative for the 4th annual "Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma" benefit walk in Portland. Debra Gil is the morning anchor and reporter for Fox 12 News.



"I'd be happy to join you," Gil informed the chapter upon accepting the invitation.

A veteran of the FOX 12 News Team since 2003, Gil also has worked as anchor, reporter and producer in both California and Texas. The married parent of one daughter, Gil can be found traveling the globe or exploring nature parks with the family outside of her busy career.

Gil will personally attend the "Stepping Out" kick-off festivities at the Multnomah Art Center in Portland's Multnomah Village just prior to the 11am walk start.

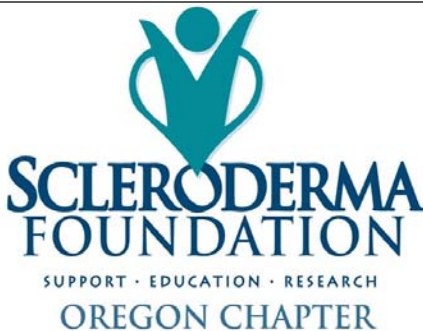
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mile trek (shorter loop available) through Multnomah Village and
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Then, on July 11, Portland television KPTV Fox 12's Debra Gil has graciously accepted our invitation to be the VIP Media

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Edward Chiu, LAc, DAOM (right) demonstrates his acupuncture technique with Richard Bates during his talk at the May 9 Support Group meeting in Portland. About 25 people attended the session at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital. The next always free Support Group meeting is set for Saturday, September 12 in the hospital's Wistar Morris Room.

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Incredible Summer of Awareness

and Gabriel Park. "Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma" is the chapter's largest and most visible annual awareness and fundraising event.

And still more excitement is planned when "Blaze" the Trail Cat, official mascot for the NBA Portland Trail Blazers, arrives on the scene.

The much-anticipated appearance by Blaze at this year's "Stepping out to Cure" kick-off is made possible by the generous support of the NBA Portland Trail Blazers at no cost to the chapter.

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by visiting their sites and pledging what you can:

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