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MS Walk in Stamford Chair Named

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STAMFORD, CT - David Lewis, president and founder of OperationsInc, a human resources outsourcing and consulting firm located in Stamford, has been named honorary chairman of the 2011 Travelers Walk MS in Stamford. The walk, which hosts 11 site locations across Connecticut, will take place Sunday, April 10, and Sunday, April 3, in Westport. Last year's walk, held at 10 sites across the state, attracted more than 8,000 participants and raised a record \$1.3 million. This year the National MS Society, Connecticut Chapter, hopes to raise \$1.4 million.

"I'm delighted to team up with the National MS Society and its annual Walk MS," said Lewis, a Stamford resident. "There are more than 1,300 people in Fairfield County alone who live with the effects of multiple sclerosis. I know firsthand how multiple sclerosis can affect lives with both immediate family and close friends currently battling MS. It's great that Stamford residents can again join the movement in their hometown to help make a difference in the lives of people in our communities living with this disease."

Lewis began a career in human resources and operational management 25 years ago. Established in 2001, OperationsInc has experienced unparalleled growth, engaging more than 23 human resources professionals in support of about 500 clients.

Lewis also co-founded The CEO Roundtable, a Fairfield County-based executive networking and educational group. His active involvement in the local business community includes serving on the board of directors of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the advisory board of the Fairfield County Business Journal and several board roles with the Southern Connecticut Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management.

Lewis has been nominated for Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the Fairfield County Business Journal's 40 under 40 award. In 2007 OperationsInc received the Impact Award for business leadership and outstanding commitment to the community from the Bridgeport Regional Business Council.

"David is an influential member of the Stamford community

and a chapter volunteer who is deeply committed to our work," said Lisa Gerrol, president of the National MS Society, Connecticut Chapter. "We are very pleased that he has partnered with us this year to launch our walk event in Stamford. We expect this site to attract hundreds of participants, eager to support the fight against MS. David's commitment to this event is sure to help make that a reality."

It has been more than six years since Stamford residents stepped out in their hometown the fight against multiple sclerosis. The Western Connecticut Chapter, which served Litchfield and Fairfield Counties and once hosted a Stamford walk site, and the Greater Connecticut Chapter of the National MS Society joined forces in October 2007, to become known as the Connecticut Chapter. As a single entity, the chapter has since worked diligently to re-establish a walk site in Stamford. The Travelers Walk MS, presented by North American Power, will be held at Cove Island Park in Stamford. Online registration is open at www.ctfightsMS.org. Event-day registration begins at 9 a.m. Participants will step out at 10 a.m. to walk either a 2.5-mile route or a 5-mile route. Lunch is provided compliments of Subway and Coca-Cola.

Additional walk sites are located in Cheshire, Clinton, Enfield, Litchfield, Manchester, New London, Simsbury, West Hartford and West Haven. Walkers at an eleventh location, Westport, will step a week earlier, Sunday, April 3.

News 8 anchor Darren Kramer, WTNH, has been named the Walk MS grand marshal for the sixth consecutive year. Other community partners include The 95.9 Fox, Clear Channel Radio Connecticut and 97.7 WCTY Country Favorites.

Multiple sclerosis is a potentially debilitating disease for which there is no cure. More than 6,000 Connecticut residents battle the unpredictable effects of this disease. Funds raised through chapter events, such as the Travelers Walk MS, ensure ongoing scientific research to find better treatments and a cure. These funds also provide for the continuation of vital programs and services offered by the chapter to people in Connecticut living with multiple sclerosis.

For more information on the 2011 Travelers Walk MS,



presented by North American Power, or to register, visit
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