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Dear Partner in Respiratory Care,

On behalf of the entire staff of the COPD Foundation we wish you a happy Respiratory Care Week and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support to the COPD Foundation over this last year.

The COPD Foundation is an active and dynamic organization, doing ground-breaking work in COPD awareness, patient education, engagement and empowerment, public policy and advocacy, and more.

Here are just a few projects we've worked on this year:

Mobile Spirometry Unit (MSU) Events for 2011 in collaboration with AARC, NHLBI and DRIVE4COPD:

- **13 MSU events** – Florida, Kansas, Ohio, Washington DC, Idaho, Washington, Texas, Maryland, New Mexico, New Jersey and California
- **60 RTs** participated
- **4,160 spirometry tests were performed**, including third party partners
- **6445 participants completed a COPD population screener**, a 5-question screener to identify those at risk for COPD
- **10,600 participants were introduced to** educational materials and lung health information

If you would like to join the COPD Foundation as a volunteer at an MSU event, or in another way, give us a call. We'd love to hear from you! Please send full name, credentials, address with zip code, and contact phone number to Manuel Pena at mpena@copdfoundation.org

Healthy Interactions COPD Education Conversation Map Project

The COPD Foundation, in collaboration with Healthy Interactions™, has developed an exciting new educational program for people with COPD. Healthy Interaction's unique approach has proven highly successful in people with diabetes in over 80 countries around the world. This partnership focuses on applying that method to COPD, engaging people with COPD in discussion and active learning, helping them achieve not only a deeper understanding of their condition but giving them the confidence to adopt strategies for sustained successful self-management and an improved quality of life.

The COPD Conversation Map research study is currently underway, but we continue to recruit. If you and your organization would like to participate in this exciting new method of COPD education – transitional care at its best – please contact Jane Martin.

Pulmonary Education Program (PEP)

The COPD Foundation recognizes the challenges and costs confronting pulmonary rehabilitation programs in providing current, quality educational materials. Through PEP the COPD Foundation offers free educational materials, ongoing support, resources, and tools for disease management to promote long-term benefits following graduation from pulmonary rehabilitation. In addition, PEP offers an opportunity to assist in Pulmonary Rehab outcomes and feedback. We anticipate a kick-off of the PEP program by the end of 2011. If you and your organization would like to participate in this exciting new PEP program, please contact Scott Cerreta.

Online Catalogue

Our new online catalogue offers attractive, up-to-date and easy to understand educational materials including the BFRG – the most comprehensive educational tool available for persons with COPD – and much more. All materials are free of charge. You only pay for shipping on orders over 25 items! <http://copd.oiondemand.com>

Thank you again for your support of the COPD Foundation. We look forward to a bright future, working in partnership with you, our colleagues in Respiratory Care, to provide people with COPD high quality education, support, engagement and empowerment to achieve their best quality of life!

Your partners in lung health,

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