



## The Children's Tumor Foundation Races Down 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue ~Racing4Research Program Highlighted as Porsches Open Car Show~

**New York, NY** (March 18, 2008) - The Children's Tumor Foundation's (CTF) Racing4Research logo will be on prominent display Saturday morning as the CTF/Farnbacher Loles #87 Porsche races the new Porsche Cayman through the streets of Manhattan to kick off the New York International Auto Show.

The Racing4Research program is an innovative, interactive giving program that allows donors to make flat or per lap pledges during the Rolex 24 Hours At Daytona, an annual endurance race held at the end of January. CTF first paired with Farnbacher Loles Racing in 2007 and in 2008 had three separate cars bearing the Racing4Research logo including the #87 Porsche set to take to the streets on Saturday.

"The endurance aspect of the race is similar to the endurance aspect of leading a life with neurofibromatosis," said CTF Executive Director George Orfanakos. "After 24 straight hours of racing the cars are often very beat up and very run down. At the Children's Tumor Foundation we're competing in a race to prevent children from suffering the potentially devastating effects that a lifetime of neurofibromatosis can have on the body."

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a set of genetic disorders that, in its most common form, affects 1:3000 children, and causes tumors to grow anywhere throughout the body. Half of all cases occur as a result of a spontaneous genetic mutation, with the child's family having no genetic history of the disorder.

After winning his first race in 2006, Dino Loles, son of Farnbacher Loles co-founder Greg Loles decided to put the spotlight of success toward a good cause. Farnbacher Loles paired with the Children's Tumor Foundation and raised nearly \$150,000 for neurofibromatosis research in the two years of the program.

### About The Children's Tumor Foundation:

Founded in 1978, The Children's Tumor Foundation is dedicated to improving the health and well being of more than 100,000 Americans living with neurofibromatosis (NF). Our research program has played a key role in the discovery of the genes that cause NF, understanding the biology of NF, creation of The NF Clinic Network and preclinical screening of promising drug compounds to treat the disorder.

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