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JMIAH IS “READY FOR HIS CLOSE-UP” WITH

THE JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION

(JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 27, 2010) – Feeling a sense of urgency, award-winning model, Jeremy “Jmiah” Williamson, of

Augusta Georgia, has used his modeling career to speak out for diabetics and is now partnering with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) for their signature event.

JDRF will introduce Williamson as the spokesperson for their 2010 Walk to Cure Diabetes at the Kick-off Luncheon at the University of North Florida Feb. 18.

Diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at 13 years old, Williamson has been creating awareness and activism about the diabetic population and has admirable goals for 2010.

“My mission is to face adventures with tenacity, inspiring others so they can do great things in spite of their adversity,” Williamson said. “I want everything I do this year to inspire someone ... and show the world that diabetics shouldn’t be penalized as a pre-existing condition and we can be as healthy as non-diabetics!”

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person’s pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food. People with type 1 diabetes must take multiple injections of insulin daily or continually infuse insulin through a pump just to survive.

When asked about being JDRF's spokesperson Williamson said, "I'm very passionate about this and it is a great honor. I'm really happy to be a part of touching and changing lives. Together we can really rock our world to do more for the people who deal with this day-to-day struggle."

Highlights of Williamson's career include receiving 2nd place Winner of the 2007 and 2008 Model Universe contest and 3rd place Winner of the 2007 Model America contest. To learn more about Williamson, visit his website at www.jmiah.com.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is an organization dedicated to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications through the support of research. To sign up for the upcoming Walk to Cure Diabetes Kick-off Luncheon where you can meet Williamson, please call (904) 739-2101. Anyone interested in registering for the 2010 walk may do so by visiting walk.jdrf.org.

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