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**Girls on the Run Chicago Receives Major Grant from  
Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America**

**CHICAGO, (May 14, 2007)** – Girls on the Run-Chicago announced today a new partnership with Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc., located in Deerfield, Ill. Girls on the Run is a not-for-profit organization that uses running to educate and inspire girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

During a three-year partnership with Takeda, Girls on the Run-Chicago will add after-school programs to schools in Lake and Cook counties, develop Spanish translation of their curriculum for use nationwide and increase participation in the Takeda Wondergirl 5K race.

“Takeda’s financial support has allowed us to expand our program’s reach, beginning with a program at South Park Elementary in Deerfield, Ill.,” said Kelly O’Brien, executive director of Girls on the Run-Chicago. “Takeda’s funding over three years will help us build on the success we’ve had with the 1,800 girls we currently support to reach girls in underserved communities as well.”

Takeda is an R&D-driven company, striving toward better health for individuals and progress in medicine by developing superior pharmaceutical products with emphasis in lifestyle-related diseases, oncology and urologic diseases, central nervous system diseases and gastroenterology diseases. Takeda’s U.S. headquarters are located in Deerfield, Ill., and the company is engaged in the community in Lake and Cook counties.

“We recognize the importance of being an active member of the community and are proud to be able to support a local organization making a change in society,” said Mark Booth, president of

Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. "Aside from our funding, we hope to get our employees involved with coaching, volunteering and even running the 5K this summer."

The Chicago organization's signature event, the Takeda WonderGirl 5K, will be held on June 2 at Montrose Harbor in downtown Chicago. Nearly 1000 girls will run with their parents, mentors and friends, as well as others in the running community, capping-off the Girls on the Run 12-week spring program.

### **Girls on the Run**

Girls On The Run®-Chicago is a community-based non-profit organization that uses the power of running to change the way young girls see themselves and their opportunities. The innovative after-school program combines training for a 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk with character-building lessons that inspire a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

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