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South Fulton Firefighters Support MDA with Annual Fill the Boot Drive

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, September 10, 2019) – The South Fulton Fire and Rescue Department is showing its continued support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) as its members kick off the annual Fill the Boot fundraising campaign to raise critical funds to help transform the lives of kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases.

Continuing a 65-year tradition of giving strength to the MDA community, dedicated fire fighters from the **South Fulton Fire and Rescue Department** will hit the streets with firefighter boots in hand to ask for donations on September 14th and September 21st at multiple locations across the City. Firefighters will collect donations at the following locations and times: Walmart on Old National Hwy between 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; the intersection of Roosevelt Highway @ Buffington Road between 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., the intersection of Highway 74 & Interstate 85 between 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the intersection of Highway 92 and Cascade Palmetto Highway between 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

“We are thrilled to be working with the **South Fulton Fire and Rescue Department** for another year of Fill the Boot to help provide the funds needed to find treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that severely limit strength and mobility,” said Ariana Bryant, Development Coordinator. “The dedication of these fire fighters to MDA’s mission is unwavering; spending time for both Fill the Boot and MDA Summer Camp to care for

the kids and adults in the Atlanta area. We know that their devotion to our families will make this year's drive a success."

Funds raised through South Fulton Fire Department's Fill the Boot events in 2019 will help MDA save lives and lift those up in need, by providing the MDA with vital resources to advance their mission of driving innovations in science and care for the neuromuscular community. Contributions have helped fund groundbreaking research and life-enhancing programs such as state-of-the-art support groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Center at **Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory.**

They also help send more than 92 local kids to "the best week of the year" at MDA summer camp at Camp Twin Lakes – all at no cost to their families.

About MDA

MDA is committed to transforming the lives of people affected by muscular dystrophy, ALS and related neuromuscular diseases. We do this through innovations in science and innovations in care. As the largest source of funding for neuromuscular disease research outside of the federal government, MDA has committed more than \$1 billion since our inception to accelerate the discovery of therapies and cures. Research we have supported is directly linked to approved, life-changing therapies across multiple neuromuscular diseases. We support the largest network of multidisciplinary clinics providing best-in-class care at more than 150 of the nation's top medical institutions, and each year thousands of children and young adults learn vital life skills and gain independence at MDA Summer Camp and through recreational programs. For more information visit mda.org.

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