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## **Nur Ali to Help Raise Awareness for Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance**

Fort Worth, Texas (March 24, 2010) - When Nur Ali competes in next month's Rattlesnake 150 ARCA Racing Series race at Texas Motor Speedway, his No. 12 Budweiser / Tara Energy Chevrolet will carry the logo of a local charity near and dear to him - Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance of Dallas/Fort Worth. Ali became aware of the organization when the son of a long time friend was diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC), a rare genetic disorder that affects nearly 50,000 Americans.

"I've been making a donation to Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance for several years," said Ali. "I always wished that I could do more and this year I have that chance. My race at Texas Motor Speedway is a few weeks before their annual walkathon so I'm using it to help get the word out. Hopefully, by carrying their logo and message on my car, it will raise awareness of both the disease and the fundraiser."

On May 15, the Sixth Annual Step Forward to Cure TSC Walkathon will be held at Frisco Commons Park in Frisco. The event is highlighted by a scenic two-mile family walkathon followed by a post-event celebration. Step Forward to Cure TSC is a national fundraising effort organized locally by Dallas/Fort Worth area volunteers and families affected by TSC. The event provides an opportunity to create awareness of TSC and raise funds for research to find a cure.

"I encourage everyone to take part in this worthy event," continued Ali. "If you are in the Metroplex area, participate in the walkathon. If you can't make it, consider making a contribution. Every donation, no matter how large or small, can make a difference."

The 35-year-old Fort Worth resident has five previous ARCA Racing Series starts. Prior to setting his sights on a career in stock cars, Ali spent several years competing internationally. He was the driver for Team Pakistan in the A1GP World Cup of Motorsport during the 2006-2007 season. In the states, he spent eight seasons competing in the Star Mazda Series. Ali, who has raced in 12 countries, is also the first and only professional race car driver of Pakistani descent.

"We are honored to have Nur's continued support," said Scott Striegel, Co-Chair of Step Forward to Cure TSC of Dallas/Fort Worth. "Thanks to his efforts, our message will be delivered to the thousands of race fans at Texas Motor Speedway."

For further information on Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance of Dallas/Fort Worth and the Step Forward to Cure TSC Walkathon visit [www.tsalliancedfw.org](http://www.tsalliancedfw.org).

The Rattlesnake 150 at Texas Motor Speedway will be televised live on SPEED on April 16. The broadcast begins at 7:30 P.M. (ET). SPEED is DirecTV channel 607 and Dish Network channel 150. Check with your cable provider for SPEED in your area.

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