



A LEG TO STAND ON

## **ALTSO's Second Rocktoberfest-Chicago Raises Nearly \$100,000 to Provide Children with Prosthetic Limbs and Life-Altering Surgeries**

*Over 400 Midwestern Financial Leaders Empower Free Life-Changing Treatment Programs for Children with Limb Disabilities in Africa, Asia and Latin America*

CHICAGO – October 9, 2013 – Recognized as one of the most unique fundraising events in the global hedge fund industry, A Leg To Stand On's (ALTSO's) second annual Rocktoberfest-Chicago raised close to \$100,000 with the strong support of major sponsors and attendees from the local Midwestern financial, business and hedge fund communities. Finance industry professionals performed rock and roll and acoustic music to raise funds for ALTSO, which offers children who have lost their limbs in traumatic accidents or suffer from congenital disabilities the physical capabilities to access the opportunities and self-esteem earned through education, work and mobility. 100% of the net proceeds raised at Rocktoberfest are allocated to ALTSO's life-changing programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

"I am incredibly proud to see so many caring individuals from the Chicago financial community come together in support of ALTSO's vital mission," said hedge fund manager and ALTSO co-founder/chairman C. Mead Welles. "Our work would not be possible without all of the sponsors, attendees and volunteers that unite to create a special evening that not only showcases the musical talent in our industry, but also their unwavering commitment to making a lifelong difference for children with limb disabilities in the developing world."

"ALTSO is a wonderful charity. They do such great work helping kids throughout the world get the medical treatment they need in order to walk," said Bernard Drury of Drury Capital. "Rocktoberfest-Chicago was already a huge success, but it became even more special when Jim Belushi joined the band onstage to play harmonica and sing. Evidently the word is spreading of ALTSO's good work. Congratulations to ALTSO for their successful event and good luck to them with their work in the future."

ALTSO's Rocktoberfest-Chicago sponsors included Yahoo Finance, ABN AMRO Clearing, CBOE, Cheiron Trading, CME Group, Drury Capital, Eurex, Gator Trading Partners LLC, ICE, NYSE Euronext, Gartland & Mellina Group, Russell Indexes, amongst others.

"ICE is honored to sponsor and lend our support to the mission of ALTSO, and we are very pleased with the results from the second annual Rocktoberfest in Chicago," said Ray McKenzie, head of the Rocktoberfest – Chicago committee and VP, Head of Sales of IntercontinentalExchange (ICE), a sponsor of both the Chicago and New York City events. "We are excited and hope to break new fundraising records, and change many more children's lives as a result of ALTSO's next Hedge Fund Rocktoberfest coming up later this month in New York City."

ALTSO will celebrate its tenth anniversary [Hedge Fund Rocktoberfest New York City](#) on Wednesday, October 23 at Capitale located at 130 Bowery. To learn more and register please visit the [ALTSO website](#) and watch [this short video](#) about the charity and Hedge Fund Rocktoberfest.

### **About ALTSO**

A Leg To Stand On ("ALTSO") is a non-profit organization providing free orthopedic care including prosthetic limbs, orthotic devices, mobility aids, corrective surgery and rehabilitative care to children in the developing world. Its mission is to offer children who have lost their limbs in traumatic accidents or suffer from congenital disabilities the physical capabilities to access the opportunities and self-esteem earned through education, work and mobility. To date ALTSO has changed the lives of nearly 10,000 children through 11 programs in 10 countries. In 2012 ALTSO enabled the treatment of over 1,400 children, and expects to serve over 1,700 more children during 2013.

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