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STATE FAIR event NEWS and PHOTO OP

The <u>UCare Stretch & Stroll</u> is Thursday, Aug. 29, at the <u>Minnesota State Fair</u>

<u>UCare</u> and <u>SilverSneakers®</u> invite fair goers to all-day fitness, fun and music at the Minnesota State Fair on Seniors Day

WHAT: The UCare Stretch & Stroll event on Seniors Day at the Minnesota State Fair.

The event is cosponsored by <u>UCare</u> and <u>SilverSneakers.</u> WCCO Radio's <u>Dave Lee</u>, KARE 11 TV's <u>Rena Sarigianopoulos</u> and UCare staff host the program.

Opening with sing-along tunes from the Pearl Brothers band, the morning Stretch & Stroll features flexibility and strengthening exercises for older fair goers, plus health and wellness giveaways.

The afternoon activities continue with music from the Pearl Brothers, Tai Chi, line dancing and a comedy stunt show for all ages.

WHERE: Dan Patch Park, just south of the Grandstand on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

WHEN: Thursday MORNING

Stretch & Stroll / Dan Patch Park stage

9-10 a.m. The Pearl Brothers perform '60s - '80s tunes **10-10:45 a.m.** Stretch & Stroll program, featuring SilverSneakers

10:45-11:45 a.m. Pearl Brothers band

Thursday AFTERNOON

Tai Chi, Dance, Music, Comedy / Dan Patch Park stage

12-4:30 p.m. Tai Chi – Juniper

Dangerous Fun Show - Comedy Stunt Show

Pearl Brothers band

Chini and Rueda de la Calle latin dance

Gotta Step line dancers

Dan Patch Park Information Tent 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

DETAILS:

The UCare Stretch & Stroll was first introduced at the Fair in 2003. It has become a popular and annual State Fair tradition.

The event helps participants learn the importance of incorporating health and fitness activities into their daily routines. Park activities include Ask a Doc in the morning, Ask a Pharmacist in the afternoon and lawn games – corn hole, Connect 4, Farkle/Yatzee all day.

Throughout the event there will be health and wellness giveaways such as a packable sun hat, string backpack, people powered misting hand fans, sunglasses and inflated exercise balls.

KEY GUESTS:

<u>Mark Traynor</u>, President and CEO, UCare <u>Jeff Prendergast</u>, Territory Manager MN & IA, Client Relations, SilverSneakers

Stretch & Stroll sponsors:

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