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AMAIZING event planned for families of children with diabetes FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Families of children with diabetes are invited to a special fun and educational event on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. at Hickory Hills Farm Corn Maize near Wetumpka.

"We encourage all children ages 5 to 16 who have diabetes and their families to come out and enjoy exploring the maze while learning more about managing diabetes," said Heidi Hataway, director of the Steps to a HealthierAL Branch. "Parents and children will have an opportunity to learn from each other and meet families that are going through some of the same scenarios with diabetic kids."

Family Fun Day at the Maize is hosted by the Montgomery Area Committee for Children and Youth Having Diabetes. Sponsors/partners are Southeastern Diabetes Education Services, Steps to a HealthierAL, Alabama Department of Public Health Diabetes Branch and the Office of Minority Health, along with several parents of children with diabetes.

The cost is \$5 per family, which includes the cost of snacks. Hickory Hills Farms Corn Maize is located approximately 12 miles north of Wetumpka, directly off U.S. 231 North. Coming from the south, turn left on County Road 29 and turn right onto Spigner Road. The farm is on the left.

To register by e-mail visit <u>info@southeasterndiabetes.org</u> or those without Internet access may call (205) 402-0415.

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