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Ray Charles headlines Annual Fundraising Dinner

Legendary Ray Charles will headline the Annual Fundraising Dinner on Sunday evening, Nov. 8.

Superstar of Rhythm & Blues, Jazz, Rock 'n' Roll, Gospel and Country & Western music, Ray Charles is well-known for "Georgia on My Mind" – the official song of his native state – and his rendition of "America the Beautiful."

"I was born with music inside me," says Mr. Charles. "I sit at the piano, and the music just begins."

Blind since age 7, and an orphan at 15, he is now in the 53rd year

of a musical career that has placed him in the Grammy Hall of Fame and earned him the title of honorary life chairman of the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame.

Proceeds from the dinner and performance help support the ACAAI Research & Development Fund, which sponsors asthma camps for inner-city children, fellows-in-training scholarships, clinical research and other allergy and asthma philanthropies.

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Annual Meeting program *e x p a n d e d*

New general sessions and workshops have been added to the Annual Meeting agenda to offer members a broader selection of programs covering the latest developments in our specialty.

The results of a comprehensive national asthma survey of patients, providers and the general public will be summarized in a presentation "Asthma in America: The State of Asthma in the U.S. Today," on Sunday, Nov. 8 by John Boyle, PhD. This general session will include implications of the survey findings for managing asthma presented by Michael Blaiss, MD.

In response to recent FDA proposed action, a general session on "Orally Inhaled/Intranasal Corticosteroids and Growth in Children," will be present-

ed Monday, Nov. 9, by representatives of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Division of Pulmonary Drugs Products: John K. Jenkins, MD, director, and Mary Purucker, MD, PhD, medical reviewer.

The following five workshops have been added to program:

- Asthma Outcomes Monitoring in Your Practice (W-34) – Participants will learn about data collection methods and devices, and the role of asthma outcomes as an integral part of today's health care environments. *Faculty:* Martha S. Bayliss, MSc and John A. Ware, Jr., PhD
- Clinical Investigation: What You Need to Know (W-35) – Focus is

on good clinical practice, FDA requirements for clinical trials and how to conduct them.

Faculty: Phillip Korenblat, MD, and Robert Dockhorn, MD

- Screening for Exercise-Induced Asthma in the School System (W-36) – Learn how to establish a screening program for exercise-induced asthma in children. This is a free program put on by ACAAI's Sports Medicine Committee. *Faculty:* Christopher Randolph, MD
- Practical Applications to Asthma Education (W-37) – Designed to promote asthma education as an integral component of a comprehensive asth-

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