Amicus Therapeutics Honors Fabry Disease Awareness Month and International Pompe Day

CRANBURY, N.J., April 9, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Amicus Therapeutics (Nasdaq:FOLD), a biopharmaceutical company at the forefront of therapies for rare and orphan diseases, will support several activities surrounding Fabry Disease Awareness Month and International Pompe Day. The Fabry community has designated the month of April to honor and recognize those who are affected by the disease and to promote greater awareness of the disease. The goal of the Second International Pompe Day on April 15 is to foster international awareness of Pompe disease.

In collaboration with the Fabry and Pompe communities, Amicus will sponsor and participate in the following events:

- Fabry Support and Information Group's (FSIG) Female Fabry Get Togethers in Minneapolis, MN, on April 11; and Philadelphia, PA on April 18. For more information please contact FSIG at 660-463-1355 or visit www.fabry.org
- United Pompe Foundation's (UPF) Late-Onset Pompe Disease Patient Meeting hosted by the Duke Pompe Disease Clinical and Research Program, Durham, NC, from April 10-11. For more information please visit www.dukechildrens.org/pompe
- FSIG's Fabry Fun Walk/Run in St. Louis, MO, on April 25. For more information please contact FSIG at 660-463-1355 or info@fabry.com
- All-employee Lunch and Learn at Amicus featuring guest speaker Jerry Walter, Founder of the National Fabry Disease Foundation

"We look forward to collaborating with our partners in the Fabry and Pompe communities to help advance disease education surrounding the significant unmet needs that exist for people living with both of these diseases," said John F. Crowley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Amicus Therapeutics, Inc. "It is our vision at Amicus to improve the lives of individuals with rare and orphan diseases through our enduring commitment to patient centricity as well as our own drug development efforts."

About Fabry Disease

Fabry disease is an inherited lysosomal storage disorder caused by deficiency of an enzyme called alpha-galactosidase A (alpha-Gal A, referred to here as alpha-Gal). The primary biological function of alpha-Gal is to degrade specific lipids in lysosomes, including globotriaosylceramide (referred to here as GL-3 and also known as Gb3). Lipids that can be degraded by the action of alpha-Gal are called "substrates" of the enzyme. Reduced or absent levels of alpha-Gal activity lead to the accumulation of GL-3 in the affected tissues, including the central nervous system, heart, kidneys, and skin. This accumulation of GL-3 is believed to cause the various symptoms of Fabry disease, including pain, kidney failure, and increased risk of heart attack and stroke. It is currently estimated that Fabry disease affects approximately 5,000 to 10,000 people worldwide.

About Pompe Disease

Pompe disease is an inherited lysosomal storage disorder caused by deficiency of an enzyme called acid alpha-glucosidase (GAA). The role of GAA within the body is to break down lysosomal glycogen, the form of sugar stored in living cells for use as energy. Reduced or absent levels of GAA activity lead to the accumulation of glycogen in the affected tissues, including the heart, skeletal muscles (including those involved with breathing), liver, and nervous system. This accumulation of glycogen is believed to cause progressive muscle weakness and respiratory insufficiency in individuals with Pompe disease. Pompe disease affects an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 individuals worldwide and is clinically heterogeneous in the age of onset, the extent of organ involvement, and the rate of progression.

About Amicus Therapeutics

Amicus Therapeutics (Nasdaq:FOLD) is a biopharmaceutical company at the forefront of therapies for rare and orphan diseases. The Company is developing novel, first-in-class treatments for a broad range of human genetic diseases, with a focus on delivering new benefits to individuals with lysosomal storage disorders. Amicus’ lead programs in development include the small molecule pharmacological chaperone migalastat as a monotherapy for Fabry disease, as well as next-generation enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) products for Fabry disease, Pompe disease, and MPS-1.
Forward-Looking Statements

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