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CHRISTOPHER'S HAVEN SERVES 100TH CHILD BATTLING CANCER

*100th Family arrives at organization that provides supportive homes to families
whose children are being treated for cancer at MassGeneral*

(Boston, MA) – August 18, 2010 – [Christopher's Haven](#), a leading Boston-based non-profit, today marked a major milestone in its mission to help children battling cancer – announcing that it has accepted its 100th family. Christopher's Haven provides supportive homes for families whose children are receiving proton radiation treatment at MassGeneral Hospital for Children.

Christopher's Haven was founded in 2001, and since that time the organization has accepted families from all over the world whose children are receiving specialized proton beam radiation at MassGeneral. MassGeneral is one of just five hospitals nationwide, and the only facility in the northeast, that offers this advanced therapy used to treat brain cancer and other solid tumors.

During the past several years Christopher's Haven, which is located just minutes from MassGeneral, has played an integral role in helping cancer patients and their families. Over the next week, the organization will accept several new patients – including a Haitian boy whose mother was a victim of last January's catastrophic earthquake, and another young boy who will begin his second stay at Christopher's Haven after his tumor re-grew earlier this year.

“When a child is diagnosed with cancer it is an incredibly challenging time for families as they cope with a new and frightening uncertainty, while also facing travel to a new city for treatment and all the logistics associated with that,” said Christopher's Haven founder [Dan Olsen](#), who is a three-time cancer survivor. “It is so important that these patients live close to the hospital during proton beam radiation, and at Christopher's Haven we provide an environment that is supportive, convenient and caring to help enhance treatment.”

Close proximity to the hospital is essential for children undergoing proton beam radiation, since many require anesthesia before treatment, have emergency needs that may arise that must be treated quickly, or have compromised immune systems that prevents travel on public transportation.

About Christopher's Haven

Christopher's Haven is a 501(c)3 non-profit that provides high quality, supportive housing for families who bring their child to Boston's MassGeneral Hospital for Children for cancer treatment. Founded in 2001, Christopher's Haven is committed providing a home away from home to families traveling to Boston to receive proton radiation treatment allowing them to focus on their child's treatment and recovery. For more information visit www.Christophershaven.org