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HOLIDAY PARTY BRINGS CHEER TO YOUNG CHRISTOPHER'S HAVEN CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Area businesses celebrate the season and host holiday party for children being treated for cancer at MassGeneral

(Boston, MA) – December 14, 2010 – [Christopher's Haven](#) today announced that it will host a special holiday party on **Thursday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m.** for children and their families staying with the organization. Christopher's Haven, a leading Boston-based non-profit, provides supportive homes for families whose children are receiving treatment for cancer at MassGeneral Hospital *for Children*.

Woburn-based benefit consulting firm HighRoads and Boston-based staffing firm Hollister are sponsoring the event, which features Santa Claus of Big Smile Entertainment and festive refreshments. Christopher's Haven kids will also receive gifts from their holiday wish lists, purchased and donated by HighRoads and Hollister.

“The holiday season can be an especially difficult time for families as they are not only away from home, but are also dealing with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis and treatment,” said Christopher's Haven founder [Dan Olsen](#), a three time cancer survivor. “The generosity shown by HighRoads and Hollister highlights the significance of community service at this time of year, and with their help, we're able to make this holiday a memorable one for our kids and their families.”

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 who travel to Boston from around the world to receive proton beam radiation. MassGeneral is one of just eight proton centers nationwide, and the only facility in the northeast, that offers this advanced therapy used to treat brain cancer and other solid tumors in children.

“We are honored to participate in such a wonderful event that will make the holiday season brighter for these young cancer patients and their families, especially during an uncertain and often frightening time,” said Michael Byers, CEO of HighRoads.

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.

“Christopher’s Haven is a great organization that helps families during a critical time while their children are undergoing cancer treatment, and we are honored to participate in this event,” said Kip Hollister, CEO of Hollister.

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

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