



## **Christopher's Haven Launches New Website to Aid Families Whose Children Are Undergoing Cancer Treatment**

*Christopher's Haven a leader in providing comfortable and supportive homes to children and their families while these young patients treated at MassGeneral*

**Boston – (June 21, 2010)** - [Christopher's Haven](#), a leading Boston-based non-profit that provides high quality, supportive homes for families whose children are receiving proton radiation treatment at MassGeneral Hospital, announced today that it has launched a new Web site design at [www.christophershaven.org](http://www.christophershaven.org). The new website is designed to enhance the experience and information provided to families, as well as to Christopher's Havens volunteers, supporters and others seeking information about the organization.

Christopher's Haven worked closely with [Jackrabbit Design](#), an award-winning design firm in the Boston area, to create an effective web presence to help raise the profile of the organization and to more effectively communicate the stories of the families staying at Christopher's Haven.

Christopher's Haven, located just minutes from MassGeneral, offers private, fully-furnished homes for children undergoing cancer treatment and for their families. 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.

MassGeneral Hospital *for Children* is one of only five U.S. centers – and the only one in the Northeast –that offers proton beam radiation, which is used to treat select types of cancer including brain tumors. Unlike traditional radiation, proton therapy makes it possible to precisely target the cancer without damaging the surrounding healthy tissue, bone and organs.

“It is critically important that children undergoing proton radiation treatment for cancer live close to the hospital and that is why the work of Christopher's Haven is so vital,” said [Dan Olsen](#), Founder, Christopher's Haven. “We wanted an easy to navigate website for users to obtain the information they required, but also get a sense of what these families are dealing with when staying in a different city – far away from family, friends, and their day-to-day lives. Working with Jackrabbit Design allowed us to achieve these goals.”

The new site is also integrated with social media channels like [Facebook](#), [You Tube](#), [Linked In](#), and [Flickr](#). “In this day in age, we wanted to be able to connect with as many people as possible to spread the word about this great organization,” said Dave Belyea,

President, Jackrabbit Design. “It’s not everyday you get to work with a charity like Christopher’s Haven and we’re delighted to have been selected for this incredibly important project.”

**About Christopher’s Haven**

Christopher’s Haven is a 501(c)3 non-profit that provides 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](http://www.Christophershaven.org)

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