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**LOCAL SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEERISM NEEDED
TO COMPLETE NORTH CAROLINA RESPITE OASIS
FOR MILITARY FAMILIES WITH CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN**

-Home will provide respite for Military families fractured by distance, medical trauma and exhaustion. If call to action remains unanswered, home will remain unfinished.-

(March 25, 2009 Baltimore, MD) In an effort to give back to the men, women and families who honor us with their service and dedication to our country, Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation (www.believeintomorrow.org) Founder and CEO, Brian Morrison, is on a mission to complete a much needed respite home that will provide a mountain top oasis for military families with critically ill children.

Initially slated to open its doors this spring, construction on the Believe In Tomorrow House at Pinnacle Falls, near Asheville, NC, ground to a halt due to the economic crisis. Thanks to funding from Believe In Tomorrow supporter, South Carolinian, Bill Amick and family, the project is once again active, but much more is needed.

“We are thrilled to be able to expand our military respite housing initiative and are anxious to host the many families who will cross the threshold at the House at Pinnacle Falls this summer and in the years to come, but we need the residents of the area to join in our mission to complete and outfit the house, by June,” said Morrison.

Chris Brogan, Child Life Specialist for the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA, added, “Dealing with life-threatening disease impacts a family to its core. No one in the family is left untouched by the challenges that may continue from months to years. Parents must contemplate difficult choices. Brothers and sisters are shuffled around. All of them will be affected with the uncertainty and questions that permeate their lives...and then they go on a Believe In Tomorrow respite trip.”

“Given the abundance of brick, textile, nursery and greenhouse products within the region, as well as the most prolific furniture makers in the country, we are issuing a call to action to local artisans and trades people to become involved in the project and join forces to ensure the military families who will call the House at Pinnacle Falls their home, even for a brief period of time, are the recipients of a warm welcome and the Southern hospitality the area is known for,” stated Morrison.

Believe In Tomorrow created the concept of respite housing and was the first organization to offer military families and their children a destination driven place to rest, rejuvenate and recover from the rigors of invasive, debilitating and long term medical treatments, in a respite facility on the Atlantic Ocean.

In addition to the Amick family, a team of professional craftsmen from various parts of the US are lending their skills, expertise, time and materials to ensure the interior and exterior of the home is as breathtaking as the vistas the house will offer its guests.

Situated within a gated community on a mountain top near Asheville, North Carolina, the outdoor amenities include trout streams, hiking trails, natural forest, a community clubhouse and outdoor swimming pools.

Believe In Tomorrow (www.believeintomorrow.org) a national children's foundation, provides long term and respite housing for children and families dealing with life threatening illness. In addition to having a place to call home for the duration of their child's treatment – or a great escape for some much needed solace, the houses provide a safe haven for recovery, fellowship with others experiencing similar situations and rest.

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