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Hardwire LLC and Believe In Tomorrow Announce Partnership Focus on Pediatric Military Retreat Housing

(Baltimore) December 9, 2008 – George Tunis, chairman of Hardwire LLC – a defense manufacturing company that provides composite armor systems for anything from bridges to buildings – jump-started a long-term business partnership with Believe In Tomorrow National Children’s Foundation today with a donation of \$15,000 toward Believe In Tomorrow’s Beach Respite Housing.

The initial, generous investment will pay for new 32-inch flat screen HDTVs in addition to a special retreat for the Walter Reed Pediatric Cancer Support Group hosted at the Children’s House by the Sea in Ocean City, Md from Oct. 10 to 13.

Believe In Tomorrow is a national organization that gives families with critically ill children the means to stay together during a medical crisis and experience the comfort of normal family life through hospital and retreat housing services. In addition to the Children’s House By the Sea, Believe In Tomorrow recently opened an Ocean City-based “House on the Bay” facility tailored specifically to retreat housing for military pediatric families

Tunis, who designed armor for naval ships and submarines before starting Hardwire, is a resident of Pocomoke, Md. where his company is headquartered and former resident of South Point, just West of Ocean City.

Believe In Tomorrow has the pleasure of serving as Hardwire’s first charity partner in a relationship that will garner quarterly contributions, directly enhancing the experience of families participating in the Maryland coastal area beach respite housing. The construction of a new respite facility in the area is a long-term goal of the partnership.

“We believe ... in the power of the beach to heal,” said Tunis, who is also an avid kite-surfer. “This warms all our hearts.”

Tunis and the Hardwire staff have worked to protect State Department Buildings as well as the U.S. Key Bridge. With their new infusion of cash and support, they’ll be working to protect critically ill children and their families for generations to come.

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