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Children's Foundation

Believe In Tomorrow's Military Pediatric Respite Housing to be First of its Kind in the United States.

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The **Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation** will be opening two new facilities this year dedicated to serving military pediatric families whose children are critically ill. When completed, the **Believe In Tomorrow House On the Bay** and the **Believe In Tomorrow House at Pinnacle Falls** will be the first respite houses in the country to focus on the needs of military pediatrics.

Located on the water just off of the Atlantic Ocean in Maryland, the Believe In Tomorrow House On the Bay will be completed this week, and military families from Walter Reed Hospital and the Portsmouth Naval Hospital will start to utilize the facility by early July. The Believe In Tomorrow House at Pinnacle Falls is currently under construction in the mountains near Asheville, North Carolina, and will be completed later this year.

Believe In Tomorrow is a pioneer in the development of pediatric respite housing, which helps families by providing a healing, therapeutic environment for them to relax and renew their energies during a child's treatment process. Families in the United States Armed Services who have children being treated for a life threatening illness often have a particularly difficult and stressful ordeal. Treatment at military hospitals often means that families are far from home, without the support of extended family members. And, all too frequently in today's environment, one parent may likely be deployed during their child's treatment process.

Believe In Tomorrow is considered a national leader in the area of pediatric hospital and respite housing. We believe in keeping families together during a child's medical crisis, and that the gentle cadence of normal family life has a powerful influence on the healing process. For the past 25 years thousands of military families have participated in Believe In Tomorrow programs. Believe In Tomorrow currently has eight hospital and respite housing facilities that combined, provide over 2,000 overnight accommodations each month.

Believe In Tomorrow is currently looking for help to complete the North Carolina Respite facility and to expand Believe In Tomorrow Housing to other areas of the country. To learn more about Believe In Tomorrow's programs and services, and how you can help children believe in tomorrow, please call Brian Morrison at 1-800-933-5470, or go to www.believeintomorrow.org.

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