

Media Alert

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Believe In Tomorrow Families, Donors, and Friends Race to Raise Money and Awareness for Critically Ill Children in Annual Port to Fort Race

Who: Believe In Tomorrow supporters and families will run and walk the Port to Fort course on race day. Many Believe In Tomorrow families have formed teams and as part of the Military Initiative. Several military teams – from Fort Meade to Walter Reed – will also participate. Believe In Tomorrow provides hospital and respite housing facilities for critically ill children and their families.

What: Runners and walkers including those with strollers and iPods will cover a 6K course through Baltimore City. Participants often make a family event out of the race. The race culminates in an awards ceremony for top runners and fundraisers, individuals and teams. Then it's time for a cookout including free food and music.

When: Sunday, April 26, 2009. The race starts at 9 a.m.

Where: The race begins and ends at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway

Why Cover:

*Port to Fort has quickly grown to become **one of the largest races** in Baltimore City. Last year drew 1,400 participants. This year we're expecting close to 2,000.

*Several families with critically ill children who have participated in Believe In Tomorrow's programs have formed large running/fundraising teams. **Many will wear t-shirts depicting the child they're running for on race day.**

***Military teams will come out in uniform** to show support for Believe In Tomorrow's Military Initiative, which prioritizes critically ill children of military families in Believe In Tomorrow's Respite and Hospital Housing programs, including the Children's House at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The **Believe In Tomorrow National Children's Foundation** is a non-profit organization in operation since 1982. Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland its mission is to bring comfort, joy and hope to critically ill children and their families enabling them to renew their spirits mentally and physically. For more information, please visit www.believeintomorrow.org.