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ChildFund Receives Warm Gift from Henrico Doctors' Hospital

Richmond, Va. – December 27, 2011– ChildFund International has received two large boxes containing more than 150 sets of mittens and gloves, as well as hats and scarves from the Henrico Doctors' Hospital's cardiopulmonary rehabilitation department's Mitten Tree program. The winter woollens collected by the nursing staff in the department will be sent to ChildFund's South Dakota office to benefit children whose families cannot afford warm outerwear so that their children can comfortably endure the frigid temperatures.

The Mitten Tree has provided children's winterwear to ChildFund for more than eight years. Bonita Jones, one of the nurses in the department, said, "It's a project we started many years back. When patients wanted to bring gifts to us, we suggested they bring a gift to the Mitten Tree. Now, every November they look forward to giving." Rather than bringing holiday sweets to the medical staff, patients hang newly purchased mittens and winter essentials on the department's office Christmas tree, affectionately known as the Mitten Tree.

Billie Jo Besco, ChildFund's South Dakota area manager, was thrilled to learn of the forthcoming shipment. "That is wonderful! Children who come into our offices just do not have any warm mittens or hats," she noted.

Henrico Doctors' Hospital, with three campuses (Forest, Parham and Retreat), is a 767-bed acute-care hospital offering state-of-the-art medical technology in a community hospital setting. Henrico Doctors' is part of the HCA Virginia Health System.

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