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ChildFund Partners with Physicians for Peace in Haiti

Richmond, Va. – Feb. 2, 2011 – One year after the 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti, ChildFund International continues its work in Haiti with Physicians for Peace.

ChildFund has awarded Physicians for Peace a \$500,000 grant to support the organization's work in Haiti, providing custom-fitted prosthetics, medical equipment, a summer camp for children with disabilities or who have parents with disabilities and many additional efforts.

"ChildFund's focus is on keeping children on the pathway of development. Natural disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti create terrible situations that put already vulnerable children in grave danger," said Anne Lynam Goddard, president and CEO of ChildFund International. "Working with Physicians for Peace means that children and others with disabilities will receive the support they need and reinforces ChildFund's commitment to creating positive outcomes and lasting change for vulnerable children."

"The grant funds will help build long-term health care capacity and human resources in Haiti, while meeting the immediate needs of those with disabilities," said Brig. Gen. Ron Sconyers (USAF, Ret.), president and CEO of Physicians for Peace.

"Through programs such as a summer camp, which will provide children with psychosocial care and the opportunity to engage with other children, the grant money will help Haitians in a comprehensive manner consistent with our core philosophy to teach, empower and heal through sustainable initiatives," he adds.

In addition to providing direct physical and psychosocial care to Haiti's children with disabilities, the \$500,000 grant will allow ChildFund International and Physicians for Peace to:

- Support the safety, security and health of adults with disabilities, including parents and caretakers who would otherwise lose jobs and mobility due to their injuries.
- Increase the capacity of prosthetic providers to provide top-quality prosthetic fitting and maintenance services, with a special focus on child and adolescent amputees, through intensive training and mentoring.
- Participate in the launch of a national prosthetics and orthotics training and certification program for Haitian technicians. The program will ensure



- that children with disabilities and their families receive appropriate treatment in the future.
- Coordinate community outreach and promotion for rehabilitation and child-centered services within communities most affected by the earthquake.
 - Provide medical equipment to healthcare providers and assistive devices (crutches, walkers, etc.) to patients, including children specifically.

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About ChildFund International



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ChildFund International is a global child development and protection agency serving more than 15.2 million children and their family members in 31 countries. For more than 70 years, we have helped the world's deprived, excluded and vulnerable children survive and thrive to reach their full potential and become leaders of enduring change. As a member of ChildFund Alliance we create supportive environments in which children can flourish.

About Physicians for Peace

Physicians for Peace is an international non-profit organization that mobilizes volunteer healthcare professionals to assist developing nations with unmet medical needs and scarce resources. Through effective, hands-on medical education and training, clinical care and donated medical supplies, Physicians for Peace develops long-term, sustainable, replicable, and evidence-based programs to help partner nations build medical capability and capacity to help themselves. Since 1989 Volunteers for the 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization have conducted medical missions in more than 60 countries. With its headquarters in Norfolk, Va., Physicians for Peace has programs in 22 countries and offices in Manila, the Philippines and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.