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THE MALCOLM JENKINS FOUNDATION, BASKET OF HOPE AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN TEAM UP TO BRING CHEER TO SERIOUSLY ILL YOUTH

Partnership to deliver Baskets of Hope and Hope Totes for children and their parents at St. Chris in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, PA. – April 15, 2015 – St. Christopher's Hospital for Children is pleased to welcome The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation (TMJF) to its hospital as they deliver more than 140 age appropriate gift baskets and hope totes to seriously ill children and their parents or guardians on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA.

"Basket of Hope is thrilled to have Malcolm Jenkins and his foundation personally deliver these generous gifts to the children in St. Christopher's. The families will truly enjoy meeting Malcolm and lifelong memories will be made." says Angela Brunette, Founder and National Executive Director, Basket of Hope.

Basket of Hope worked with sponsors and donors, including The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation, to secure over \$1,000,000 worth of items that were packed in more than 4,000 baskets and totes, by more than 700 volunteers in Glendale, AZ during this year's Super Bowl Week. The baskets and totes were shipped compliments of FedEx to more than 20 hospitals in NFL team cities nationwide. NFL players, coaches, and other local volunteers personally delivered them to children and their parents/guardians.

The gift baskets are age appropriate filled with toys, games, crafts, stuffed animals and other items. The Hope Totes, which are optional for the adults, contain gifts to nourish them physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually including inspirational materials, music, jewelry, snacks, coffee, teas, mugs, and more.

St. Christopher's cares for patients from ages infant to 21 at its main location in Philadelphia, as well as at its satellite locations throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The hospital provides personalized- and patient-centered care to children and families and routinely

welcomes celebrities, guests and outside organizations to visit with critically-ill children and their families.

"We're honored to be selected as a beneficiary of the Baskets of Hope initiative this year," says George Rizzuto, Interim Chief Executive Officer at St. Christopher's. "At St. Christopher's, we are always striving to make our patients and our families feel as comfortable as possible and enjoy our stay with us. Malcolm Jenkins, TMJF, and Baskets of Hope share in this mission and we are excited to welcome them to our hospital."

"It's truly a blessing to serve our community and make a difference to brighten the patients' and families' day in such a great way," says Malcolm Jenkins, TMJF Founder and Chairman and Philadelphia Eagles Safety. "We are humbly proud that St. Christopher's is our beneficiary partner in this very worthwhile effort."

"When it comes to youth, families and communities, the heart of The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation is always where it needs to be," said Gwendolyn V. Jenkins, Foundation President. "We are excited about our visit to St. Christopher's and look forward to seeing the smiles and happiness on the children's faces."

About Basket of Hope:

Celebrating 20 Years of Giving Hope! A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which began in St. Louis, MO when a little 7 year old little girl completed treatment for cancer. Her family realized the importance of personal visits, prayers, gifts for the sick child and siblings and words of encouragement for the parents. For more information about Super Baskets of Hope please visit <u>superbasketsofhope.org</u>.

About The Malcom Jenkins Foundation

Founded in 2010, The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation (TMJF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity with a mission to effectuate positive change in the lives of youth, particularly those in under-served communities; by providing resources, innovative opportunities and experiences that will help them succeed in life and become contributing members of their community. The Foundation is committed to youth development initiatives and programs, which emphasize character development, mentorship, leadership, education, life skills health and recreation. TMJF will celebrate its 5th anniversary in June 2015. For more information visit themalcolmjenkinsfoundation.org.

About St. Christopher's Hospital

Since 1875, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children has been providing exceptional patient care and advancing new pediatric treatments through research and innovation. Through affiliations with Drexel University College of Medicine and Temple University School of Medicine, St. Christopher's is a teaching hospital helping to train the next generation of professionals in pediatric medicine.

St. Christopher's is a 189-bed hospital that is committed to delivering high quality patient-centered care to children throughout the greater Delaware Valley. Its highly acclaimed programs include a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, Level IV NICU, a Heart Center and Oncology unit. Hospital services also include the only dedicated pediatric burn center in the region. St. Christopher's achieved Magnet re-designation

in 2015 and numerous awards to St. Christopher's physicians, who are frequently recognized in regional and national publications as "Top Docs" in their fields of expertise.

In addition to its main hospital location, St. Christopher's has six specialty pediatric sites, a pediatric urgent care center, four general pediatrician offices, and outpatient sports medicine and therapy services located through PA and NJ. St. Christopher's recently opened the Center for the Urban Child, which provides children with comprehensive services to help break the cycles of food insecurity, violence and childhood illness. The Critical Care Tower, opening in 2016, will feature advanced technology while incorporating families' needs and will house 50 critical care and 60 Level IV NICU beds.

To learn more about St. Christopher's, visit www.stchristophershospital.com or call 215-427-5000.