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**Summer Camp Gives Haitian Children the Chance to Play, Learn and Heal**  
*Camp will serve orphans with disabilities from Port-au-Prince*

New Orleans, LA – Sept. 8, 2011 – During a unique camp this January, dozens of Haitian children with disabilities will play, explore and receive proper care for their physical and emotional needs, thanks to the collaborative efforts of a group of nonprofits based in the U.S. and Haiti.

The Red Thread Promise was recently awarded \$21,000 by Physicians for Peace and ChildFund to support Camp Jake Richard, a camp for orphans from St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince. The camp removes physical and emotional barriers, giving participating children the chance to engage in creative arts, as well as physical and social activities under the supervision of a team of volunteer counselors, artists, musicians, mentors and healthcare professionals.

"The concept for Camp Jake was inspired by my 13-year-old nephew, Jacob Richard, who suffers from Duchesne muscular dystrophy, a degenerative terminal illness," said Tom Landry II, director of Camp Jake and a member of The Red Thread board. "Our camp will bring Jacob's selfless, energetic spirit to the orphaned children of St. Vincent's. We believe every child deserves the most life has to offer, regardless of disability, class, race or circumstance. Camp Jake will assure that physical limitations are left behind and replaced with endless opportunities for emotional and physical development in a fun-filled atmosphere."

More than 30 children are expected to participate in the camp, which is scheduled to run Jan. 3-8, 2012, in Kaliko Beach, about 1.5 hours north of Port-au-Prince.

“Physicians for Peace is thrilled to work with our partners to ensure that these children receive the care and fun-filled experience they deserve and need to lead healthier, happier lives,” said Brig. Gen. Ron Sconyers (USAF, Ret.). “Camp Jake Richard will be a life-changing experience.”

Read more about The Red Thread Promise’s work in Haiti at <http://redthreadpromise.org/>, keyword: Haiti.

#### **ABOUT THE RED THREAD PROMISE**

The Red Thread Promise (TRTP) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide hope and healing for needy and orphaned children—children who have no one to advocate for them and cannot advocate for themselves. Our program exists to improve the quality of life for these children. We provide them with the treatment they need so that they can each lead a life with dignity, health and hope. Find us online at [www.redthreadpromise.org](http://www.redthreadpromise.org). Follow us on Facebook: The Red Thread Promise or on Twitter: Red Thread Promise.

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