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Governor's Residence to be Illuminated Monday Evening, September 21

Trenton, NJ - First Lady Mary Pat Christie has announced that Drumthwacket, the Governor's Official Residence in Princeton, will "Go Gold" on Monday September 21st to raise awareness about pediatric cancer. The "Go-Gold" movement is being advanced by organizations such as Go4theGoal and The Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation, two New Jersey-based non-profits recognized by Mrs. Christie and the New Jersey Heroes Foundation for their work in providing resources to patients and families affected by childhood cancer.

"Having a child diagnosed with cancer is a heart-wrenching experience for any family," said Mrs. Christie. "By lighting Drumthwacket gold, we're honoring the young lives lost and giving hope to those patients and their families who are bravely fighting this disease. At the same time, we commend the health professionals and many public and private organizations who continue to make a difference to so many who are impacted by pediatric cancer."

According to the American Cancer Society, cancer is the second leading cause of death in children. Approximately 10,380 children in the United States under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in 2015.

Cancers that are most often diagnosed in children are different from those diagnosed in adults. The most common forms of cancer in children include: leukemia, brain and central nervous system tumors, neuroblastoma, Wilms tumor, lymphoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, retinoblastoma and bone cancer (including osteosarcoma and Ewing Sarcoma).

During her son's illness, Beth Stefannacci, founder of Go4theGoal, quickly learned there were not enough resources available to families with children battling cancer. She wanted to change that and immediately moved forward with the creation of Go4theGoal. Since then, Go4theGoal's mission has been to help make the lives of children affected by cancer as normal as possible by providing financial support, developing and implementing unique hospital programs, funding grants for innovative research, and granting personal wishes.

Go4theGoal has grown into a national foundation providing supportive services to children and families in nearly 100 hospitals across the country and funding nearly \$1,000,000.00 in innovative research to find cures for pediatric cancers.

The Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation was founded by Malcolm Sutherland-Foggio, a 17-year-old who has battled Ewing Sarcoma since the age of 10. During his treatments, Malcolm was determined to raise awareness of pediatric cancer and encourage private research funding to find a cure to help other children with the disease. He began his crusade by selling blue wristbands that brought in \$13,000 in just a few months. Since 2009, the foundation has raised nearly \$2 million for pediatric cancer research.

For more information about the Go4theGoal visit <http://www.go4thegoal.org/>

For more information about The Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation, visit <http://www.makenoise4kids.org/>

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