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Drumthwacket Goes Gold on Friday September 30th to Support Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month

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Trenton, NJ – Drumthwacket, the Governor’s Official Residence in Princeton, is turning gold Friday evening, September 30th, to demonstrate support and promote awareness of pediatric cancer, First Lady Mary Pat Christie announced today. Through her New Jersey Heroes Foundation, Mrs. Christie has recognized two non-profit organizations, Go4theGoal and the Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation, for their work in funding cure research and providing resources to patients and families affected by childhood cancer.

“I’m so honored to once again participate in the ‘Go-Gold’ movement to help raise awareness of childhood cancer,” said Mrs. Christie. “Illuminating Drumthwacket in gold is just one small way to make a difference and shine a light on the lives lost to the disease while empowering children and families who are just beginning this battle with hope and strength.”

Childhood Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children in the United States. In fact, more than 10,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year and more than 40,000 undergo treatment annually. Childhood Cancer rates continue to rise by 6% annually, currently striking 1 in 285 children. The most common forms of cancer in children include: leukemia, brain and central nervous system tumors, neuroblastoma, Wilms tumor, lymphoma, retinoblastoma, and sarcomas.

Go4theGoal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2006 by Dr. Richard and Beth Stefanacci, soon after their oldest child was diagnosed with Ewing’s Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. In 2011, Go4theGoal launched 2 national campaigns, National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Day and Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer®. Go4theGoal provides children undergoing cancer treatment and their families with financial assistance, funding for hospital-based programs, grants special wishes, and has funded over \$1,000,000.00 in research since 2007. For the past 5 years, Go4theGoal has earned the honor of "Top Rated Non-Profit" by Great Nonprofits.

The Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation is a 501(c)(3) founded in 2009 by 11-year-old, Malcolm Sutherland-Foggio, now an 18-year-old who battled Pelvic Ewing Sarcoma in 2008-2009. During his treatments, Malcolm was determined to raise awareness of pediatric cancer and encourage private research funding to find the cures to help other children with the disease. Since 2009, Make Some Noise has funded over \$1,000,000.00 in translational research for childhood cancers; has national campaigns and projects, including the National Angel Quilt for Childhood Cancer, and Bear2Cure; and is heavily engaged in fostering collaborative research efforts through a broad based coalition of childhood cancer organizations.



Drumthwacket Turns Gold on Behalf of Pediatric Cancer Awareness.

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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