Greetings -- We're pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of Children's Hospice International (CHI) recently selected a new Chairman, Vice-Chairman and leadership team at our April Board Meeting. (News release below). In addition, we've teamed up with the Georgetown Lombardi Children's Cancer Center to film a number of heart-warming and inspiring video interviews to build public awareness for our shared mission and goals. CHI would like to thank all the families, children, doctors, and staff who took the time to participate in this project and share their stories in order to help others better understand the need for appropriate care. You can see some of our beautiful photos from our video shoot below. Learn more at www.chionline.org.

Many thanks for all you do!

Warmest regards,
Ann Armstrong-Dailey
Founding Director
Children's Hospice International

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**CHI Video Project with Families & Staff from Georgetown Lombardi Children's Cancer Center**

Children's Hospice International recently filmed a series of video interviews at the Georgetown Lombardi Children's Cancer Center. These assorted video clips will be used in our efforts to educate and advocate for appropriate care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families, from time of diagnosis alongside curative care. We also plan to post these videos on CHI's website and our Combined Federal Campaign Federation (Children's Medical Research Charities of America) website, as well. Stay tuned for more details about this worthy project!
CHI Spotlight on “Moment of Grace” for Caregivers

Moment of Grace is a project created by Jitka Jacobs and Mary Thompson of Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa that provides solace to those who give the most by providing therapeutic spa retreats to parents and guardians of critically-ill children. These special caregivers spend a significant amount of their time living in the hospital and providing strength and support to their children while often neglecting their own emotional and physical well-being. Moment of Grace is a charitable organization with supporting spa partners who are committed to restoring that well-being to the best of their capabilities by providing complimentary Spa Services to these parents and guardians during some of their most difficult times. Learn more at www.momentofgrace.org.

Children’s Hospice International Announces New Board Members and Officers

David Frantz to serve as Chairman, Dean Harring to serve as Vice-Chairman, and Richard Larkin as Secretary/Treasurer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Children’s Hospice International (CHI), an award-winning non-profit organization and pioneer in the field of children’s hospice and palliative care, is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has voted on a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman to lead the Board, among other news.

The Board, which met last week, voted to name David G. Frantz as Chairman and Dean K. Harring as Vice-Chairman for a two-year term. Richard F Larkin will continue to serve as Secretary/ Treasurer. James A. Hawkins was elected as CHI’s first ever Board Member Emeritus in honor of his over twenty years of outstanding support and leadership.

Said Ann Armstrong-Dailey, founding director of CHI: “We are very proud to welcome David Frantz, Dean Harring and Dick Larkin as officers of our Board of Directors. They have impressive backgrounds and have stood steadfast in their support for CHI for many years. I thank them for all that they have done, and I know that they will continue to do outstanding work for our organization.”

Said Frantz: “I’m honored to be named Chairman of the Board for CHI. I look forward to working with Ann Armstrong-Dailey and my fellow board members and the staff of CHI to continue to grow awareness for the organization and its cause.”

Frantz most recently served as Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Loan Program Office in Washington, D.C. currently employing over 200 people with a $35 billion portfolio of renewable energy projects. Previously he was the Director of Project Finance for the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Frantz also served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and graduated from the
Harring was an insurance senior executive for over 40 years with companies such as Liberty Mutual, Commercial Union, Zurich North America, and CNA. Most recently he served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Claims Officer for QBE Insurance in New York, and as Chair of the QBE Charitable Foundation until his retirement in 2013. He is now on the Advisory Council for the Gerson Lehrman Group, Inc. and on Advisory Boards for InvoicePrep, OnSource Online, and G4S Compliance and Investigations. He also is an Advisor with CLM Advisors.

“I’m pleased to be a part of CHI and to be working with my friend and former neighbor David Frantz. CHI is dedicated to ensuring that critically-ill children and their families have access to both curative care and hospice/palliative care from the time their condition is diagnosed, and the organization has had an extraordinary impact on the lives of thousands of children in need worldwide. I look forward to helping CHI move its mission forward,” said Harring.

Larkin, who previously served on the CHI Advisory Board, said he is “honored to continue serving such a worthy organization that is pioneering services for children in need.” Larkin is widely considered to be a leading expert in accounting issues for nonprofit organizations. He is currently the Technical Director for the Assurance Department at BDO USA, LLP, part of BDO International, the fifth largest accountancy network in the world. Previously, he worked for 31 years at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Larkin, who received his M.B.A. from Harvard University, has decades of experience working with nonprofit organization as a board member and treasurer and is a well known author writing on accounting issues in the nonprofit industry.

Other new board members include Neile L. Miller and Thomas W. Mendenhall. Miller is currently the principal at Strategic Associates, LLC. Previously, she was the acting Undersecretary for Nuclear Security and Principal Deputy Administrator at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration. She also served as the DOE Director of Budget. She was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service by former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, as well as the Secretary of Energy Exceptional Service Award from former Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz in 2013.

“I am absolutely delighted to be a part of CHI’s Board and I look forward to helping this incredible organization provide strong, effective advocacy for children faced with life-threatening conditions, with hope for a cure, and their families,” said Miller.

Mendenhall agreed, stating: “It is an honor to be a part of CHI’s Board and leadership team. I appreciate the opportunity to support CHI and its mission to provide advocacy,
support and solutions to address serious issues facing these deserving children and their families."

Mendenhall is currently the Director of School Advancement and Finance at Wye River Upper School, a high school for students with learning differences. Previously, Mendenhall was Vice President of Finance and Secretary and Treasurer of Country Road Communications, L.L.C. Prior to that, he served as Vice President and General Manager of Bachman NGV. During his time there, the company won the first major defense department contract in its market.

Armstrong-Dailey added that she also is honored to have Mr. Hawkins as Board Member Emeritus. He has been a member of the board since 1993. In 2003, he received CHI’s "Mattie J.T. Stepanek Champion Award" which recognizes an individual with extraordinary commitment to CHI. Hawkins also served as president and chairman of the American Mental Health Fund, and facilitated in its merger with the National Mental Health Association in 1991.

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CHI Founder Ann Armstrong-Dailey in the News

Pictured at left: Ann Armstrong-Dailey (center) at the 2014 NAHC Annual Meeting & Exposition with Val J. Halamanadris, president of the National Association for Home Care & Hospice, and Andrea L. Devoti, Chairman of the NAHC Board of Directors.

In October 2014, Armstrong-Dailey was inducted into The National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) Hall of Fame. NAHC is a nonprofit organization that represents the nation's 33,000 home care and hospice organizations. NAHC President Val J. Halamanadris, said: "Ann Armstrong-Dailey has been a true pioneer in promoting hospice and palliative care for children. What she has done is meaningful, visionary and simply historic." Read the news release.

Armstrong-Dailey also was recently one of four honorees presented with a "Founders Award" during the 2014 Annual Living Legacy Awards hosted by the Women's International Center. The awards honor "ground-breaking individuals from around the world who are making a difference." Read the news release.
In 1996, CHI collaborated with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to find better solutions for families and the Medicaid program. Three years later, Congress approved appropriations for ChiPACC, the Children's Program of All-Inclusive Coordinated Care for Children and their Families, to continue care for children and their families from time of diagnosis, alongside curative care. In 2014, Armstrong-Dailey applauded the re-introduction of the Children's Program of All-Inclusive Coordinated Care (ChiPACC) Act of 2014 in the United States Congress by U.S. Reps. Renee Ellmers of North Carolina and Jim Moran of Virginia. The legislation (H.R. 4605) would provide states with the flexibility to establish a ChiPACC program through a state plan option. Attorneys at Arnold & Porter worked with ChiPACC supporters in Congress on reintroducing this legislation in the 113th session.

About Children’s Hospice International:
Children's Hospice International (CHI) is an award-winning non-profit organization established in 1983 that has pioneered and promoted the idea that critically-ill children should have access to hospice/palliative care along with curative care from the time their life-threatening illness has been diagnosed. Back in 1977, when CHI was conceived, there were no children hospice care programs available in the world. In 1983, when CHI incorporated, only four of the 1,400 hospices in the United States were able to accept children. Today, thanks in part to the efforts of CHI, most hospices are willing to consider accepting a child as a patient, and most hospitals are considering hospice and palliative care.