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ATLANTA BRAVES FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER

Atlanta, Georgia -- CURE Childhood Cancer is pleased to announce that it has been selected as the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Atlanta Braves Foundation in support of CURE's *Open Arms Program* through which staff and volunteers provide weekly meals to childhood cancer patients, their families and the front line caregivers at both the Scottish Rite and Egleston campuses of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

The Braves Foundation Grants Program provides monetary grants to organizations that support children in the areas of health, education, and recreation. Since its inception in 1992, the Atlanta Braves Foundation has provided assistance to thousands of metropolitan Atlanta-based organizations and has contributed nearly \$3 million in financial and in-kind assistance to the metro community.

Commenting on the newly received grant, CURE Childhood Cancer Executive Director Kristin Connor says, "The Braves Foundation Grants Program is selective in its financial giving, and provides support to organizations, like CURE, whose use of the funding will have a significant impact upon the group it serves."

"This grant will enable us to feed over 5,200 childhood cancer patients, their families and the medical teams who care for them," Connor says. "Just as importantly, many of our volunteers have walked in the shoes of the families we serve. They have the opportunity to share their appropriate experiences and give the families the chance to learn about CURE and other resources available to help them."

Founded in 1975 in Georgia, CURE Childhood Cancer is one of the most comprehensive children's cancer organizations in the United States. Since its inception, CURE Childhood Cancer has provided millions of dollars for research and ongoing education on pediatric cancer. CURE fully funds two pediatric oncology fellows at the Emory University School of Medicine. This year marks the first time CURE has donated in excess of \$1 million, in one year, to both the Egleston and Scottish Rite campuses of the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

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