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**Healing the Children® Midlantic Sent A Volunteer
Orthopedic Team to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; the Trip
was Sponsored by San Diego Padres & Hilton Santo Domingo**

HAWTHORNE, N.J. (February 3, 2010) – Healing the Children® Midlantic, Inc. (HTC), a nonprofit provider of donated medical care for children in need, sent a volunteer orthopedic medical team to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. All medical evaluations, tests, and surgical procedures were provided at no cost to the families of the children who were served.

The 18-member HTC volunteer team traveled to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during the week of January 9, 2010. The team utilized operating rooms at the Asociacion Dominicana de Rehabilitacion Hospital (ADR). Fifty children were evaluated, and 33 received surgical care; the most common procedure was to correct the congenital deformity of clubfoot.

The team's lodging was sponsored by Hilton Santo Domingo and the San Diego Padres, which also sponsored the team's dinner meals. Lunch was sponsored by the ADR Hospital. Breakfast was sponsored by Fundacion Corazones Unidos, which also helped identify children in need of treatment.

Dr. Douglas Avella of Wyckoff, a Board-certified pediatric orthopedic surgeon, served as the Trip Chief. Dr. Jeffrey Bienstock of Wyckoff, a Board-certified pediatrician and the charity's Medical Director, also participated on the trip. Nurse Anesthetist Diane Calesnick of Riverton, New Jersey served as the Trip Administrator.

Dr. Bienstock stated, "We are grateful for our continued partnership with the ADR Hospital. We also appreciate the support of the Hilton Santo Domingo and the San Diego Padres, as the funding they provided enabled us to lead another successful medical trip in Santo Domingo."

About Healing the Children[®] Midlantic, Inc.

Healing the Children[®] Midlantic, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 and dedicated to providing donated medical care to children in need in the United States and throughout the world. Healing the Children[®] Midlantic, based in Hawthorne, NJ, has helped more than 30,000 children; traveled to 15 countries; and welcomed children to the U.S. from 86 countries. For more information, please visit www.htcmidlantic.org.

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