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One Million Dollars Inspires *A Rosie Place*

South Bend, Indiana (June 27, 2008) -- O'Hana Heritage Foundation announced today it has received a gift of **one million dollars** toward the completion of a new 7,400 square-foot "home away from home" for medically fragile children. A South Bend couple, who prefers to remain anonymous, gave the million dollar donation to help advance and promote O'Hana Heritage Foundation's mission to empower medically fragile children and their families in Michiana.

The new "home," to be named ***A Rosie Place***, will accommodate state-of-the-art technology while offering a nurturing, therapeutic environment for children who have survived various illnesses, injuries and congenital disorders. *A Rosie Place* will afford parents a periodical break from the 24/7 demands of caregiving to allow time to regroup, rest and re-kindle relationships with spouses, other children and friends.

"This incredible gift has the potential to save the lives of thousands of families with medically fragile children in our community," said Dr. Bunmi Okanlami, President of the O'Hana Heritage Foundation. "These two people have demonstrated tremendous moral leadership in supporting the mission of O'Hana."

A Rosie Place is currently under construction on a five-acre plot in the residential neighborhood of Boulder Bay, located on Quince Road just north of US 20 in South Bend. *A Rosie Place* is the first "home" of its kind in the state of Indiana.

O'Hana Heritage Foundation is a local not-for-profit organization serving medically fragile children and their families in Michiana. The initial primary geographic service area includes St. Joseph, La Porte, Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall and Starke counties.

A Rosie Place will facilitate the O'Hana mission to celebrate the gift of life, embrace human diversity and empower families of medically fragile children.

To learn more about the new developments at O'Hana Heritage Foundation, please visit www.ohanaheritage.org

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