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CCI (Children's Care International) in India. Act Now to Stop the Rise in Bonded Slavery.

Montreal – January 5, 2005. Ms. Roxana Robin, CCI's general director, will be in India this week to respond to the numerous pleas for financial help she has received from local NGO's (these organizations provide support to the tsunami-devastated fishing villages located in Andra Pradesh in southern India). Although not in line with our organization's main goals, Children's Care International believes that if action is taken immediately, children affected by the deadly tidal waves may be spared a worse fate. In addition to the misfortune of losing their parents during the December 26 tsunami catastrophe, these children will be obliged to repay family debts and, as a result, be forced into slavery and horrendous working conditions.

In an effort to prevent further tragedy, our organization will participate in a fundraising campaign to help 1,000 families currently living in the state of Andra Pradesh, in India. Our priority is to ensure the safety of as many children as possible and to help them overcome the numerous challenges they will face.

Children's Care International is a non-profit organization founded in September 2000. Our mission is to open rehabilitation centers throughout developing countries to aid children who are victims of sexual tourism, slavery, and all other forms of exploitation. In June 2003, CCI opened the Rainbow Centre – our first rehabilitation centre in Andra Pradesh, India – and have already welcomed 11 children (aged 11 to 13) who have, through the support of local organizations, been freed from the many forms of slavery. CCI provides access to education, professional training, sanitary living conditions and safe food, as well as psychological support so that exploited children can successfully reintegrate society.

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