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Containers to Clinics Serves More Than 1,500 Maternal Patients at Pilot Facility
Innovative healthcare model poised to scale to communities in need

Dover, Mass. – February 14, 2011 – [Containers to Clinics](#) (C2C), a nonprofit initiative that seeks to build healthcare infrastructure in developing countries through converted shipping container clinics, announced today that it has treated more than 1,500 maternal patients since opening its pilot facility at Grace Children’s Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Since November 2010, C2C’s staff has worked hand-in-hand with local Haitian institutions in an effort to restore quality healthcare services for vulnerable women and infants.

C2C selected Port-au-Prince as its inaugural location in response to the urgent medical need following the January 2010 earthquake. Despite the challenges of extreme weather, a cholera outbreak, and political unrest, C2C successfully opened its pilot facility in partnership with Management Sciences for Health (MSH), AmeriCares, and the Haitian Ministry of Health.

The maternal care clinic at Grace Children’s Hospital is staffed by Haitian doctors, nurses, lab and pharmacy technicians and treats an average of 25 patients daily. Additionally, C2C will mobilize additional clinics and extend access to primary care to over 14,000 patients in 2011.

“The C2C model has proven it can bring high-quality healthcare to low-resource communities and is poised to replicate the model in diverse environments that have consistent challenges with maternal and pediatric health,” said Elizabeth Sheehan, founder and president of C2C. “While it is imperative that we not lose our focus to rebuild Haiti, we have an opportunity to bring this same healthcare model to other countries. C2C aims to bring quality healthcare to those greatest in need and we are eager to meet the challenge wherever it exists.”

About Containers to Clinics

Driven by the belief that basic health interventions can save the lives of millions in the developing world, Containers to Clinics (C2C, www.containers2clinics.org) has developed a new clinical model for health service delivery. C2C retrofits portable shipping containers into health clinics designed with diagnostic, lighting and climate-control technologies appropriate for low-resource settings. The clinics are transported to underserved areas of the developing world to administer primary healthcare to women and children. Its pilot clinic in Port-au-Prince, Haiti was successfully opened in November 2010.

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