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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CHOP Global Health Conference connects Philadelphia to worldwide issue of “Violence Against Children”

PHILADELPHIA -- (29 Oct. 2013) On Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1, the international exposition, GlobalPhilly™ 2013, will close with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's [2013 Global Health Conference](#) on the theme “Violence Against Children: Global Perspectives on Resilience, Response and Health Outcomes.”

A panel discussion will be held on Thursday, October 31 to complement the day-long Friday conference. Panelists will examine success factors and barriers of reducing violence and trauma both locally in Philadelphia and internationally.

As a world leader in children's health, CHOP chose a topic that is both internationally and locally significant.

“Each year CHOP Global Health focuses our conference on a compelling topic in pediatric global health. This year's theme is especially relevant because global violence is a topic that everyone can relate to. Violence against children directly impacts all of us as pediatric caregivers and members of the community,” says CHOP International Medicine Medical Director, Dr. Rodney Finalle.

Through the voices of top international authorities on public health, pediatrics and conflict, the Global Health Conference will explore the impact of violence on children and society, and will also draw connections between Philadelphia's youth population and children affected by war and conflict worldwide.

Both Thursday's panel and the Friday conference will feature speaker Achier Mou, a Former Lost Boy of South Sudan who has made an incredible journey from a war torn nation to the U.S., and co-founded the Sudan Development Foundation, which aims to improve health for children and women in this impoverished nation.

The conference keynote speaker on November 1 will be Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict for the United Nations. In this role, Ms. Zerrougui gives prominence to the rights and protection of boys and girls affected by armed conflict.

The 2013 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Global Health Conference is part of GlobalPhilly™ 2013, Philadelphia's first modern, international exposition. GlobalPhilly™ 2013 is 47 days of over 100 international events across the Philadelphia region. More information can be found at www.globalphiladelphia.org.