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Pictured: John Cheptiony, Hospitality House Guest from Nairobi, Kenya with Toni Moore, President & CEO of the Hospitality House of Tulsa

BOUNDLESS HOSPITALITY

TULSA, OKLA., Sept.16, 2011- On Aug. 19, Patrick Cheptiony, a 20 year old native Kenyan, was six days away from completing training at Riverside Flight Center in Tulsa, when he was involved in a tragic car accident. His father, John, whose family had used much of their financial resources to send Patrick to aviation school, traveled thousands of miles away from his home in Nairobi, Kenya to Tulsa to care for his son. John found Patrick in Intensive Care at St. John Medical Center, badly injured and paralyzed from the waist down. On Aug. 31, John checked into a family suite at The Hospitality House of Tulsa, a faith-based, non-profit organization providing a 'home away from home' for families in medical crisis.

"Patrick had a few days to finalize his training as a commercial pilot, and we had spent our limited resources to train him, when the unexpected and very challenging situation happened," says John. "I praise the Lord for saving his life, and it is our greatest joy that Hospitality House is helping us during our greatest need. We are humbled in what the Lord is doing for us and others through Hospitality House."

The staff and volunteers at the Hospitality House have been mutually blessed by John's stay.

"This is so much more than just a place to stay for these families. It's a ministry, and guests like John are a great reminder of that," says Rachel Scholz, Family Care Coordinator at Hospitality House.

On Sept. 7, Patrick was moved to Bernsen Rehabilitation Center on St. John's campus. He is making progress in his recovery, though he is not able to use his legs. John comes to the Hospitality House Welcome Center each morning before going to the hospital to visit Patrick and prays with the staff and volunteers for Patrick's healing. He says he will continue to pray until one day, he sees Patrick walk again. Although Patrick has not been able to move his legs by himself, he has experienced some sensation in his legs – a hopeful and unexpected sign. Doctors say Patrick will go home in a wheelchair, but John's faith does not waiver.

"I thank the Lord, for he is able and is in control of every situation. We focus on Him and trust Him because He loves us and cares for us," says John.

"Hospitality House is doing God's work," says John. "I pray that God grants them more resources to expand the facility to meet the needs of many people in Tulsa and beyond."

There are 8,540 miles between Tulsa, Okla. and Nairobi Kenya, representing how far reaching Hospitality House of Tulsa's ministry is. Since opening just five years ago, Hospitality House has served 872 families from all parts of Oklahoma and 23 states in the U.S.

"The vision statement of our organization is *To Show The World Christian Love Through Boundless Hospitality*. With world economy, educational opportunities, and changes in healthcare, it seems our world is shrinking every year. To now see that our work is reaching outside of the United States is very humbling." says Toni Moore, Hospitality House President & CEO.

Hospitality House of Tulsa just opened their second home on Sept. 1, which will take them from serving approximately 550 people per year to approximately 2,500 people per year.

To find out more information on this ministry or how to help families traveling in medical crisis, go to their website at www.HHTulsa.org

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About the Hospitality House of Tulsa:

Hospitality House of Tulsa is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to offer a 'home away from home' for families caring for loved ones in medical crisis. Their programs provide lodging, meals, prayer support, and community support services to hundreds of families each year that must travel to Tulsa to receive specialized medical care found in all 14 Tulsa area hospitals.

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