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DUKE CHILDREN'S CLASSIC VOLUNTEER CELEBRATES 24 YEARS FOR THE CHILDREN

DURHAM, N.C. (MAY 18, 2005)--- This will mark the 24th year Durham native Joan Hutchins has volunteered for the Duke Children's Classic. As part of a mother-daughter duo, Joan began volunteering with the Duke Children's Classic in 1981 when her daughter was asked to help with the golf tournament. Since she began, Joan has been welcoming guests at the registration table, giving them event information, goody bags and smiles. Joan's smile, in fact, is just as bright today as it was when she began donating her time to help the kids at Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center more than two decades ago.

Joan is one of over 500 Classic volunteers who give countless hours of their time to Duke Children's. One thing she enjoys most is the friendships she has made throughout the years. "I love seeing the large number of people who truly care for the welfare of children," Joan says. She appreciates returning year after year and sharing another weekend benefiting children and seeing old friends. Many Classic volunteers return year after year to be a part of this Durham legacy.

Since its inception in 1973, the Duke Children's Classic has raised \$13.2 million for children who come from around the world to Duke Children's. Celebrities from all avenues of sports and entertainment visit the Duke University Golf Club for three days filled with golf, laughter and

love for children. The funds from this weekend will go to support research, clinical care, advocacy and family support programs to help children and families heal both physically and emotionally at Duke Children's.

The tournament is free and open to the public and has events for the whole family. Please visit www.dukechildrens.org for details. Join us in helping the kids at Duke; Joan cannot wait to see you!