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**WAL-MART SURPASSES \$300 MILLION RAISED FOR
CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK**

*Locally Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB associates and customers have raised more than
\$7 million for Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center*

DURHAM (April 25, 2005) – Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center and Children's Miracle Network announced today that Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. has reached an incredible milestone in the organization's history – donating and raising more than \$300 million for Children's Miracle Network hospitals in 18 years. Donations made to Children's Miracle Network directly benefit 170 children's hospitals in North America including Duke Children's. Participation by Wal-Mart in the Triangle this year has grown to 68 Wal-Mart stores, SAM'S CLUB locations, Neighborhood Markets and Distribution Centers providing a very large support base for Duke Children's.

Duke Children's share of the \$300 million exceeds \$7 million since 1989. In April 2004, the 5300 wing of Duke Children's Hospital was dedicated the Wal-Mart Patient Care Unit.

“Wal-Mart's associate-based fund raising is unprecedented,” said Mick Shannon, co-founder of Children's Miracle Network. “In addition to contributions made through the Wal-Mart & SAM'S CLUB Foundation, associates nationwide band together every year to carry out grassroots fund raising efforts at their locations to help local children's hospitals – and they engage customers and community to take part. It's a unique approach that works extremely well.”

Through bake sales, softball and golf tournaments, selling Children's Miracle Network balloons and other activities Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB efforts have helped fund games, toys, PlayStations, family support programs, patient education leaflets and vital research.

“Wal-Mart associates have a strong commitment to give back and help others,” said Betsy Reithemeyer, vice president of Wal-Mart Corporate Affairs. “One hundred percent of the dollars raised for Children's

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WAL-MART STORES, INC. RAISES \$300 MILLION FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Miracle Network stays within the communities where funds are donated, which is in step with our philosophy of giving back locally. It is our customers and associates who help make miracles possible each year for the children at these hospitals.”

“We are so fortunate to have the support of Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB,” said Bob Johnson, director of Duke Children’s Miracle Network accounts. “The nurses, physicians, staff and the kids at Duke Children’s thank Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB associates and customers in our area for supporting the hospital and Children’s Miracle Network and for making miracles a reality in our community.”

About Duke Children’s Hospital & Health Center:

Duke Children’s Hospital & Health Center, located in Durham, N.C., is nationally ranked among the best in pediatric health care programs. Caring for children is our number one priority, from routine check-ups and immunizations to the treatment of life-threatening injuries and illnesses. At Duke Children’s, we provide hope and the most advanced health care available. Offering innovative procedures including stem cell and bone marrow transplants as well as a variety of support services for our patients and their families, Duke Children’s cares for children from around the world. We are also a critical local resource - taking care of 60 percent of Durham's children with over 70 percent of patients coming from central North Carolina. For more information please visit www.dukechildrens.org.

About Children’s Miracle Network

Children's Miracle Network—the alliance of premier hospitals for children—is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children’s hospitals across North America. Each year the 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. To learn more go to www.cmn.org.

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