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**33rd ANNUAL DUKE CHILDREN'S CLASSIC SET TO TEE OFF FOR THE KIDS
AT DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & HEALTH CENTER**

DURHAM, N.C.— Join the fun May 20-21 at the Duke University Golf Club in Durham, N.C. as celebrities and sponsors participate in the 33rd annual Duke Children's Classic celebrity golf tournament. The event comes complete with a KidZone, Car Safety Seat Check, Laughs and Autographs and most importantly Duke Children's patients --the true champions-- putting with the stars. Celebrity host Jeff Foxworthy and his wife, Gregg, return for their tenth year with the Classic. The funds raised from this year's event 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 festivities begin on Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. when the celebrities tee off for their first round of golf. The Duke Children's Classic Family Fun Run and Health Walk also begins at 9:00 a.m., south of the Washington Duke Inn entrance. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the KidZone will be set up for children to enjoy with games, local mascots, prizes, a funhouse and more. Throughout the afternoon, Duke Children's patients will be participating in "Putt with the Stars" with our celebrity players. At 2:00 p.m., join us at the driving range for Laughs and Autographs, where Jeff Foxworthy and other celebrities will be signing autographs. Stop by the parking area at Washington Duke Inn for our child safety seat check presented by Safe Kids Durham and the Durham Police and Sheriff's departments between 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

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The excitement continues on Sunday with the second round of golf at 9 a.m. The KidZone will again be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m and Miss North Carolina, Brooke McLaurin, stops by for autographs and pictures from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. The events are free and there is an endless supply of fun. Bring the family out for a great weekend and support the kids at Duke!

A complete list of celebrities participating and schedule of events can be found at www.dukechildrens.org.

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.

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