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ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION AND KINGSDOWN MATTRESS COMPANY PRESENT CHECKS TO DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

(DURHAM, N.C.) – Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation brings cool relief to a hot summer day with a small lemonade stand and big check for Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center and Kingsdown Mattress Company cushions the day with its own fluffy check Monday afternoon.

Billy King (former Duke basketball player and president of the Philadelphia 76ers) and Jay and Liz Scott (Alex's parents) presented the first check of \$210,000 to Dr. Joe St. Geme, III, chairman, department of pediatrics and Dr. Corrine Linardic, a grant recipient. The donation, the total of three grants awarded to Duke, will help support research performed by Dr. Matthias Gromeier, Dr. Hai Yan and Dr. Corinne M. Linardic, in their continuous efforts for pediatric cancer research at Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center. The presentation followed the distribution of cups of sweet lemonade to the patients and families awaiting appointments. The group then toured the hospital. Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) started when Alexandra "Alex" Scott, a four-year-old cancer patient, courageously sold lemonade in her front yard to help her doctors find a cure for all childhood cancers.

Following at 2:00 p.m., Eric Hinshaw, chairman and CEO of Kingsdown, Pat Flippin, president and COO of Kingsdown and Rebecca Hinshaw presented Dr. St. Geme, III with a check for \$100,000. The proceeds will help support the new Division of Hospital & Emergency Medicine, which the group toured earlier in the day. This large gift reiterates the commitment Kingsdown has shown to Duke Children's over the years. Kingsdown started in 1904 in Mebane, N.C. handcrafting mattresses and now serves retailers across North America and more than 20 other countries worldwide.

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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. It is 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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