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**TWO CHECK PRESENTATIONS TO BENEFIT DUKE CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL**

(DURHAM, N.C.) – Food Lion and HomeLife Communities showed their support of the important work at Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center in two separate check presentations Thursday.

The first check presentation will support the Center for Nutritional Disorders and Obesity (CENDO) program at Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center due to open its doors in September. Cathy Green, Chief Operating Officer of Food Lion, joined by other Food Lion executives, presented a check for \$100,000 to Dr. Joseph St. Geme III, chairman, department of pediatrics and Dr. Tom Kinney, associate chair, department of pediatrics. The goal of the CENDO program is to help reverse the trend of obesity and the overweight epidemic found in children today. The donation from Food Lion is one of several founding gifts that have made CENDO possible.

Later in the day Don Mead, president of HomeLife Communities' Raleigh Division presented Duke Children's Hospital with a check for \$90,000. The proceeds came from the HomeLife Communities Miracle House, located in the Tryon Place community in Raleigh. "We are happy to be helping the kids at Duke Children's and will be on board for next year's Miracle House," said Mead. A light reception was held and small gifts were given to patients and families following the check presentation.

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

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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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