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HELP THE CHILDREN AND HAVE A BALL

WILMINGTON, N.C.- Dust off your dancing shoes, take out your pearls, an evening of elegant dining, fabulous dancing and exciting auctions awaits. The fourth annual Cape Fear Teddy Bear Ball hosted by Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center will take place Saturday, February 25, 2006 at the Hilton Riverside, in Wilmington, N.C. Join special guest Barbara Alyn Woods, star of Warner Bros. *One Tree Hill*, for an evening of casual elegance to benefit the kids at Duke Children's Hospital.

Over 1,500 children from New Hanover and surrounding counties are cared for at Duke Children's Hospital each year. Abron Kelly of Wilmington, who will be featured at this year's Ball, is one of them. The beautiful blue-eyed ten-year-old suffers from ocular motor apraxia, a very rare disease, and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Abron is quick to offer a smile and loves to sing. She is a model of strength and courage, and a joy to be around.

The proceeds from the Teddy Bear Ball help a number of children, just like Abron, who are treated at Duke Children's Hospital.

Spending money on fabulous items has never been so rewarding. There is something for everyone, weekend getaways, jewelry, Coach K-signed items and tons more. Guests can bid on silent auction items while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 p.m.

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until 9:30 p.m., with a buffet dinner and live auction from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The evening does not end there; guests are welcome to dance into the morning with the event wrapping up at 1:00 a.m.

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