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**FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
ADDED TO DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & HEALTH CENTER
NATIONAL BOARD OF ADVISORS**

DURHAM, N.C.— Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center National Board of Advisors selected E. Stephen Edwards of Spring Hope, N.C., to join the board in October.

Edwards will serve on Duke Children's National Board of Advisors from October 2005 until May 2007. As ambassador and advocate of the hospital he will travel to various events during his term spreading the message of Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center.

Edwards joins a prestigious list of business leaders from the Triangle community and across the United States. The Duke Children's National Board of Advisors work year-round on behalf of the young patients at Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center to ensure philanthropic goals are reached.

Edwards is a retired pediatric doctor. He attended Duke University School of Medicine and was a clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Edwards served as president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is married with three children and six grandchildren.

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Background on the National Board of Advisors for Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center:

The primary purpose of the Board of Advisors is to oversee and promote all activities intended to secure philanthropic support for Duke Children's. This includes but is not limited to philanthropy development, advocacy/outreach and strategic planning in development and marketing.

The members of the National Board of Advisors include:

- Robert Mercer of Irvine, Calif., vice president and general counsel, Mazda North American
- Hugh Allen of Cary, N.C., senior vice president of Wachovia Bank
- Frank and Louise Chut, Ph.D. of Fearington Village, N.C., retired
- Norman Cooper of Aventura, Fla., retired
- Johnny Dawkins of Bahama, N.C., associate head coach for Duke Men's Basketball
- S. Scott Edwards of Rogers, Ark., former regional vice president with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- E. Stephen Edwards, Ph.D. of Raleigh, N.C., retired
- Earle Finley of Raleigh, N.C., founder, Evergreen Properties
- Pamela Gregg Foxworthy of Alpharetta, Ga.
- John Gabriel of Paramus, N.J., president, Gabriel Realty
- Federico van Gelderen of Raleigh, N.C., former publisher of Que Pasa
- Mike Gminski of Charlotte, N.C.
- Ardie Gregory of Raleigh, N.C., vice president and general manager, WRAL-FM
- Towney Kennard Jr. of Raleigh, N.C., vice-president, strategic alliances, IBM
- Richard Lake of Pinehurst, N.C., retired
- J. Keith Morgan of Stamford, Conn., senior vice president of general counsel, GE Commercial Finance
- Arthur Pappas of Durham, N.C., chairman and chief executive officer, A.M. Pappas & Associates, LLC
- Lance de la Rosa of Bentonville, Ark., regional manager of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Don and Mary Tucker of Raleigh, N.C., Don- lawyer/partner, Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan
- Lars von Kantzow of Cary, N.C., TriCrown Consulting, Inc
- Frank and Andrea Ziegler of Bernardsville, N.J.

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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. We offer innovative procedures including stem cell and bone marrow transplants as well as a variety of support services for our patients and their families. For more information please visit www.dukechildrens.org.

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