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LOCAL BUSINESSES RACE TO RAISE MONEY FOR DUKE CHILDREN'S

DURHAM, N.C. – Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center announced today that its Miracle Challenge zooms into action Saturday, April 9 in the east parking area of the RBC Center in Raleigh from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The event benefits the kids at Duke Children's and is presented by Wal-Mart. During year one and year two over \$300,000 was raised to support pediatric programs and research at Duke Children's.

The Duke Children's Miracle Challenge mini-grand prix is an exciting and unique charitable event. Grand prix racing-styled cars, sponsored by local businesses and friends of Duke Children's, race full throttle around a one-third mile track. Miniature customized 3.5 horsepower stock cars maneuver around hairpin turns, accelerate through straight-aways and enter the Pit for tire changes just like a real NASCAR race.

This free family event has something for everyone. Race fans will enjoy cheering for their favorite team and the Wal-Mart KidZone offers games, prizes, face painting, team mascots and more. Concessions and merchandise sales round off the midway area.

"We're thrilled to be gearing up for our third Miracle Challenge," said race organizer Karen McClure. "It's an extremely fun event for everyone whether you are in the driver's seat, in Pit Row or just cheering for your favorite car—and it's a terrific fundraiser for Duke Children's."

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About our presenting sponsor—Wal-Mart:

Over one million Wal-Mart Associates help 17 million children a year. Wal-Mart has been a corporate sponsor of Children's Miracle Network since 1988, raising and donating more than \$300 million to 170 children's hospitals that are members of the Children's Miracle Network. In 2004, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Associates raised more than \$31 million for Children's Miracle Network.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is the world's largest retailer, with \$256.3 billion in sales in the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 2004. The company employs more than 1.5 million Associates worldwide through more than 3,600 facilities in the United States and more than 1,570 units in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, China, Korea, Germany and the United Kingdom. More than 138 million customers per week visit Wal-Mart stores worldwide.

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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Our 2005 Miracle Challenge Sponsors:

Car #	Sponsor Name
1	Airport Courtyard and Residence Inn
5	Millennium Hyundai
7	AW-North Carolina
10	Leith BMW
24	Rick Hendrick Chevrolet
31	Jeff Burton Autosports
40	Wal-Mart Distribution Center #6040
43	RE/MAX Classic
58	The Personal Financial Advisors of American Express
97	RE/MAX Classic
146	Wal-Mart #146
151	Wal-Mart #151
210	Wal-Mart #210
337	Wal-Mart #337
401k	The Personal Financial Advisors of American Express
448	Wal-Mart #448
471	Wal-Mart #471
502	Wal-Mart #502
529	The Personal Financial Advisors of American Express
850	850 the Buzz
1901	Duke IKA Fraternity

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Pit Row is sponsored by 850 the Buzz.**