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Retired Duke Nurse Buys Duke Children's Hospital Miracle House

Homeowner Wants to Give Back to Duke Children's

(RALEIGH NC April 9, 2008)--When retired Duke nurse **Marie Ettson** learned that all proceeds from the sale of **Atreus Homes and Communities'** Miracle House for Duke Children's Hospital would benefit the hospital's seriously ill children, she just had to see the home for herself. The minute she saw the home, she fell in love with it and now she would soon call it home.

"I absolutely loved the house and decided to buy it the minute I saw it", said Mrs. Ettson. "It's wonderful that in buying the home, I am able to do something to help the children. Research is so important in saving our little ones. It's very important to me to support advances being made in medicine and support the latest medical research that can help our children."

With the sale of the home to Mrs. Ettson, builder Atreus Homes and its vendor partners were able to donate more than **\$70,000** to Duke Children's Hospital. Atreus Homes has long been involved in charitable organizations that benefit children. Miracle House, which is located in the company's **Ellerbe Creek Preserve** community in North Durham, is the company's second home to be built in which all proceeds from the sale benefit sick children at Duke Children's Hospital.

"We are so pleased to have completed our second Miracle House for this wonderful children's hospital, said Atreus Homes & Communities Raleigh Division President **Don Mead**. "These kids are so special. The fact that someone purchased the home who retired from Duke after working there for 32 years makes this particular sale even more meaningful." Ettson retired in 2004 after a nursing career at Duke that spanned more than three decades.

Atreus Homes plans to build a third home to benefit Duke Children's Hospital in 2008. Other charitable work by the company includes building three Extreme Makeover: Home Edition houses –one in Raleigh as well as in New Mexico and Arizona - for ABC's award-winning show, and lead the efforts on a fourth show in New Orleans where they built a new home and new church for two Hurricane Katrina survivors. The Raleigh Division of Atreus Homes also plans to build a home for Habitat for Humanity in the Triangle this year.

Homes in the Ellerbee Creek Preserve, where Miracle House is located, are priced from the \$150s. The community offers 3-5 bedroom homes, 17 different floor plans and is close to both Duke Hospital and Duke University. To visit Ellerbee Creek Preserve, take I-85 south from Raleigh to the Roxboro Road exit. Take Roxboro Road to Old Oxford Road and turn right. Take Old Oxford Road to Hamlin for a ¼ mile and turn right onto Great Bend Drive. For more information, call award-winning, on-site sales agents **Shannon Wilson-Chandler** and **Adrienne Mickels** at **919-471-9085** visit www.AtreusHomes.com.

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