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THE TORCH RELAY FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK ARRIVES IN DURHAM, NC

Coast-to-Coast Relay To Raise More Than \$2 Million For Children's Miracle Network

(DURHAM, NC)-(October 21, 2008) —Triangle-area residents will join a team of more than 5,000 nationwide participants this fall as part of the fourth-annual, coast-to-coast Torch Relay for Children's Miracle Network. The goal of the nationwide relay is to raise more than \$2 million for Children's Miracle Network hospitals throughout the country. Walking alongside family members, business associates and friends, participants will set out this fall to raise funds for **Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center**, one of 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals in North America that annually treat 17 million children with life-threatening illnesses.

Events in the Durham area follow the national torch relay kick-off, to take place in Chicago, Illinois on October 16.

Each day's events will culminate at the relay's traveling "Miracle Village," which gives participants and community members the opportunity to experience the outstanding daily work that takes place at Duke Children's and Children's Miracle Network hospitals nationwide.

The Durham event benefiting Duke Children's will also feature several patient families inspiring the walkers. The 2:00 p.m. walk begins at and proceeds through the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, then up Chapel Drive and returns to the Gardens for celebration in the Miracle Village. The walk will consist of Duke Children's employees, families and Food Lion and Marriott associates who have raised money for Torch Relay.

Inclusive of its stop in Durham, the torch's journey will span over 6,000 miles, benefiting Children's Miracle Network hospitals in 32 major cities. The 2008 Torch Relay for Children's Miracle Network schedule includes: Chicago, IL; Columbus, OH.; Detroit, MI; Baltimore and Bethesda, MD; Charlottesville and Richmond, VA; Charlotte, NC; Myrtle Beach, Charleston and Hilton Head, SC; Atlanta, GA; Orlando, Gainesville, Tallahassee, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, and Tampa, FL; New Orleans, LA; Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, and El Paso, TX; Phoenix, AZ; Las Vegas, NV; San Diego, Newport Beach, and Los Angeles, CA.

For more information about Torch Relay including a list of sponsors, please visit www.torch-relay.org.

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