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**THE 20TH TEDDY BEAR BALL GALA CELEBRATES
THE STORY OF DUKE CHILDREN'S**

DURHAM, N.C. - Supporters of Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center will gather Saturday for a formal, fun night of festivities including a wine tasting, silent and live auction bidding, dinner and dancing. The 20th annual Teddy Bear Ball, a black tie gala benefiting Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center, is presented by Hock Development Corp. and takes place this Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Durham Marriott Convention Center.

This year's event is themed "Storybooks" and will celebrate Duke Children's story—past, present and future. A number of patients will be in attendance dressed like iconic storybook characters. There will also be performances by Barriskill Dance Studio.

The event has seen great success in the past, raising more than \$2 million for Duke Children's. Attendees bid on more than 150 auction items such as weekend getaways, arts and entertainment excursions, and sports packages, all paired with themed teddy bears. The live auction offers amazing packages including a trip to London, a custom-made ring and the signature Duke Children's quilt made by patients at Duke Children's summer camp—Camp Kaleidoscope.

The Teddy Bear Ball also honors the achievements of past pediatrics department chairs Dr. Samuel Katz and Dr. Michael Frank along with corporate partner of the year, Capitol Broadcasting.

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 and is an important local source of primary care. For more information, visit www.dukechildrens.org.