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### **Duke Partners with Durham Bulls to Strike Out Cancer**

The Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Durham Bulls, Raleigh-based Capitol Financial Solutions and GlaxoSmithKline have joined together to "Strike Out Cancer," a project designed to raise cancer awareness and fund research projects at Duke. For every strikeout thrown by a Bulls pitcher during a home game in the 2009 season, GlaxoSmithKline and Capitol Financial Solutions will make a donation to the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, for a total of \$70 per strikeout. Last year, the Durham Bulls played 72 home games and notched 548 strikeouts, averaging a little over seven strikeouts per game. The goal is to raise \$50,000. "Cancer touches so many people and each gift is significant to the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center," said H. Kim Lyerly, MD, director of the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center. "This partnership is a great opportunity for Duke and the funds will go directly to cancer research and care." Robert Turner, managing partner of Capitol Financial Solutions, a financial services firm, said this effort is especially important to him because he recently lost a friend to brain cancer. "The care my friend received at Duke was amazing and extended his life," Turner said. "In addition, the services and support provided to his family eased their burden. We are thrilled and honored to partner with GSK and the Durham Bulls to strike out cancer." The event will kick off on Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m. as the Bulls take on the Charlotte Knights in Durham. Fans can get involved by pledging donations as well; donors who give \$100 or more will see their names prominently displayed on the Bulls' Jumbotron during the final home game in September, to which all donors will receive discounted tickets. "It looks as though we have put together a winning concept where fans can join Bulls pitchers to help Duke strike out cancer," said Jon Bishop, assistant general manager of the Durham Bulls. "I hope we can take this new program and develop it over a number of years to be a terrific partnership."

For more information on Strike Out Cancer or to make a donation, visit <http://cancer.duke.edu/strikeoutcancer>. For more information on the Durham Bulls or to view the home schedule, visit <http://www.durhambulls.com>