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MEDIA ALERT

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**Dallas Cowboys Player to Spend Time with Patients at
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**

Marcus Spears will engage children in football, basketball and carnival games

- WHO:** Marcus Spears, defensive end for the Dallas Cowboys
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (TSRHC) patients, families and staff
- WHAT:** TSRHC patients and their families will have the opportunity to spend time with Marcus Spears, defensive end for the Dallas Cowboys. The festivities will be held at Jas F. Chambers, Jr. Youth Fitness Park, located directly in front of the hospital. The kids will be able to interact with Spears through a host of activities including, football, basketball and carnival games. Spears will also be available for autographs and pictures.
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, July 18, 2007 Rescheduled for 11 p.m.**
11 a.m. Dallas Cowboy Marcus Spears arrives at TSRHC
11:15 a.m. Activities begin at Jas F. Chambers, Jr. Youth Fitness Park
- WHERE:** **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**
Jas F. Chambers, Jr. Youth Fitness Park
2222 Welborn Street
Dallas, Texas 75219
**Note: Please meet TSRHC representative at the main entrance to be escorted to the event.*
- ABOUT MARCUS SPEARS:** Marcus Spears was one of the mostly highly sought after two-sport athletes in the country following his senior season of high school. He went on to play college at Louisiana State University, earning first-team All-American honors. After being drafted to the Dallas Cowboys in 2005, he became a member of the Cowboys 2005 Rookie Club - a program designed to introduce rookie team members to community service in the Dallas area. Spears has given his time to many Dallas charities, including The Salvation Army, Children's Medical Center Dallas, North Texas Food Bank and Meals on Wheels.
- HOSPITAL INFORMATION:** Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. There is no charge to patient families for treatment at the hospital, and admission is open to Texas children from birth to 18 years of age. For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please call (214) 559-5000 or (800) 421-1121 or visit www.tsrhc.org.