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Doak Walker Award Recipients to Visit Children's Medical Center

Patients look forward to celebrating winning

WHAT: Eric Dickerson, Craig James, and Toby Gerhart visit patients

WHEN: Friday, February 19, 2010
2 p.m.

WHERE: Children's Medical Center
1935 Medical District Drive

VISUALS: Doak Walker Recipients signing autographs, playing games in the playrooms, doing arts and crafts with patients

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DETAILS: NFL Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson, ESPN College Football Analyst Craig James, and Stanford Cardinal running back Toby Gerhart will visit patients at Children's Medical Center Dallas Friday afternoon. Later that evening, Gerhart will be honored with the 2009 Doak Walker Award, the national collegiate running back award, while Dickerson and James will receive the PricewaterhouseCoopers Doak Walker Legends Award.

Gerhart, who rushed for over 1,800 yards this season, including ten 100-yard games, finished second in Heisman voting. Dickerson and James, known as SMU's "Pony Express", have solidified their place in collegiate football history, breaking SWC records and leading the 1982 Mustangs to an 11-0-1 season and No. 2 National Ranking.

Patients look forward to their time in the playrooms, whether they're working on seasonal craft projects with football legends or building a Lego tower with other patients. Child life specialists supervise these daily opportunities for patients to get out of their hospital beds and remember what it's like to be kids. Child life specialists help patients adapt to their surroundings and to normalize their hospital experience.

Media are to check in at the main entrance and a member of the media relations team will escort them to the indoor location.

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