

# Medlines

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## Dan Marino and Trent Dilfer Headline the VCU Children's Classic Celebrity Golf Event

Trent Dilfer, quarterback of the newly crowned Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, is expected to join future Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino and about 70 other celebrities for the VCU Children's Classic the week of April 16–22. This year's tournament is a follow-up to last year's inaugural Celebrity Players Tour (CPT) event drawing a variety of sports and entertainment celebrities to benefit the VCU Children's Medical Center.

Other celebrities expected to attend include John O'Hurley, *To Tell the Truth* game show host who's best-known as *Seinfeld's* Mr. Peterman; Emmitt Smith, star running back of the Dallas Cowboys; Darius Rucker,

lead singer of Hootie & the Blowfish; actress Elke Sommer; baseball Hall of Famers Johnny Bench and Mike Schmidt; legendary Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Brown; and Olympic Gold Medalist Dan Jansen.

The Dominion Club again will host a two-day Celebrity-Amateur competition on April 19 and 20, which will be followed by the two-day VCU Children's Classic celebrity competition. Tennis great Ivan Lendl—the 2000 Classic champ—will return to defend his Richmond CPT title.

The Science Museum of Virginia will host this year's Friday night black-tie gala for celebrities, sponsors, and their invited guests. Other events include kids' sports clinics around the city, a celebrity event for staff on the MCV campus, and special sponsor displays in Main Hospital and at Stony Point during the VCU Health System's annual celebration of Health System Week.

Richmond, the second of 18 stops on the annual CPT tour, is contracted as a CPT event through 2002.

For more information about the VCU Children's Classic, including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, call (804) 273-9311 or point your browser to [www.vcuchildrensclassic.com](http://www.vcuchildrensclassic.com). Spectator tickets also are available.

## Kids Can Get Special Tours Before Their Hospital Visits

Especially for young patients, the idea of surgery is scary. Kids have questions. They don't know what to expect. And they're afraid.

"If they're not told what to expect from surgery, kids will fantasize about it and make up what they think it will be like," explains MCVH Child Life Specialist Flora Wu. "To help educate children about what their visit to MCVH will be like, we show them the process, step by step."

Whether they're coming for inpatient or outpatient surgery, children ages 3 to 11 can get a special group tour of MCVH's Pediatric Same Day Suite before their visit. Every Sunday, the Child Life Department hosts a pre-operative program for children and families. Here, kids can ask questions, take a look at the rooms, see equipment like anesthesia masks and test it on dolls, visit pre-op and post-op areas, and follow the route they will take the day of surgery—all of which helps alleviate some of their fears. Plus, by meeting some staff in advance, kids will recognize a few faces on the day of their surgery. And, sometimes, just one familiar face can make a very big difference.