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### ALL-PRO STEVE HUTCHINSON TO HOST EARLY THANKSGIVING MEAL AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AMPLATZ CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

#### Ben Leber to lead teammates on room visits at hospital

**MINNEAPOLIS** – Minnesota Viking All-Pro G **Steve Hutchinson and his wife, Landyn**, will host an early Thanksgiving meal for young patients and their families--roughly 100 people--at the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital located at 500 Harvard St. SE in Minneapolis on Tuesday, November 24. Families will also be taking advantage of free flu shots through the **Vikings Tackling Influenza** program.

The visit will take place from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor in the Bridges Cafeteria. The room will be decorated in a Vikings theme--complete with a Vikings ice sculpture. The meal (turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and varieties of pies) will be buffet-style.

In addition, Vikings LB **Ben Leber and his wife, Abby**, will lead a group of Vikings players, including T **Patrick Brown**, T **Chris Clark**, DE **Fred Evans**, RB **Ian Johnson** and C **John Sullivan**, to visit the children in their rooms who are not able to attend the Thanksgiving meal.

Media should meet staff at 2:50 p.m. in the hospital lobby to be escorted to the event. Contact Jennifer Amundson, University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital Media Relations, at 612-672-4165 for parking and directions.

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