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HALIFAX REGIONAL SALUTES DUKE *Duke's Mobile Catheterization Lab Jump-Started Service*

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC – (October 12, 2008) – For three years, Halifax Regional and hundreds of patients have benefited from the cooperative relationship with Duke University Medical Center and its renowned Duke Heart Center.

Duke has provided mobile Cardiac Catheterization services weekly at Halifax Regional, enabling the Medical Center to offer a high-tech service in Roanoke Rapids that previously was available at larger hospitals out- of-town.

When Halifax Regional's Cardiac & Vascular Center opens October 6, a permanent cardiac cath will be available in the Medical Center.

"We are grateful to the Duke Heart Center for its support in establishing cardiac cath services in our community," said Mahone. "Duke has been an excellent partner."

Duke Heart Center's services "have met a need in the community," Mahone added. "The Duke staff is well qualified and has offered a 'customer-friendly' service."

Nadim Geloo, MD, an interventional cardiologist at Halifax Regional who performs the procedures, is complimentary of Duke's service. "Our patients have been treated in a friendly and respectful way" he said. "Duke's staff went the extra mile to take care of our patients, and we appreciate their professionalism."

A cardiac cath is a diagnostic procedure that tests for heart disease by allowing your doctor to "see" how well your heart is functioning.

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About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 206 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.us.