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### DOMINION MAKES MAJOR GIFT TO FREE CLINIC IN ROANOKE RAPIDS

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (June 18, 2009)—Dominion Power's Foundation has donated \$10,000 to Roanoke Valley Medical Ministries, known as the Free Clinic, in Roanoke Rapids.

"This is a wonderful gift," said Rose Fleming, Executive Director of the Clinic. "The funds will be used to benefit our patients and will be a source of encouragement to our volunteers."

The Clinic recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. There have been more than 12,000 patient visits during that time to the Clinic, which provides free primary healthcare and preventive services to adults without insurance who have chronic diseases.

The Dominion Foundation has recently focused more of its donations to organizations that provide basic human necessities, such as healthcare, food and home heating and cooling during these difficult economic times.

"We are sensitive to the needs of the communities we serve," said Bryant Brooks, Senior Manager of State and Local Affairs.

"We know that economic conditions have made life difficult for many people in the Halifax and Northampton community," added Brooks. "Many residents have lost their health insurance, so we believe this donation will make a difference in their lives."

Brooks said that the gift comes, in part, from Dominion employees, including the 85 in the Roanoke Valley. "Because of the economy, we have postponed some of our traditional employee relations and family events and invested those funds into the work of our Foundation. Our employees enthusiastically endorse this concept so we could help more people in our service area," Brooks added. "Normally, these funds would have gone to Dominion Days, a major employee relations effort."

The real heroes are the volunteers at the Free Clinic, Brooks said. “They have earned our deepest gratitude.”

The Free Clinic is a volunteer organization of healthcare professionals that is sponsored by Halifax Regional, which has provided nearly \$1 million in x-rays, lab and cardiac tests during the Clinic’s ten years of service.

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