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FREE GLAUCOMA SCREENINGS OFFERED AT HEALTHLINK

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC – October 30, 2008 – Free glaucoma screenings will be offered the community November 4th at Halifax HealthLink in Becker Village Mall.

The screenings will be conducted from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Glaucoma testing for glaucoma is quick, easy and painless. “Since the testing is on Election Day, we hope voters will schedule their visits to HealthLink before or after they vote,” said Jackie Cieslinski, coordinator.

Prevent Blindness, NC is conducting the screenings at Halifax HealthLink through the financial support of the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.

According to Prevent Blindness America, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness affects over 4 million Americans - only half of which have been diagnosed. The disease affects the optic nerves in the eyes and can rob a significant amount of vision before a person notices the loss. Though people over the age of 60 make up the most common to be diagnosed, younger adults are at risk.

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