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## **HALIFAX REGIONAL CALCULATES COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

### *Value of Benefits Increases Over Previous Year*

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (April 8, 2010)—Halifax Regional provided the community nearly \$11 million in benefits last year.**

The total is approximately 38 percent more or nearly \$3 million higher than in 2008.

As a not-for-profit organization, Halifax Regional provides benefits to the community in return for being exempt from certain taxes. This situation is the same for not-for-profit hospitals across America.

Programs and services that increase access to healthcare, improve the health of the community, and educate health professionals are examples of community benefits. Major elements of Halifax Regional's program include charity care, unreimbursed costs for treating Medicare and Medicaid patients, community health improvements services, cash and in-kind contributions to community groups.

In addition to these benefits, Halifax Regional also covered the cost for treating patients who did not pay or could not pay their balances. That amount was \$5.9 million.

"This report reflects Halifax Regional's importance to the community," said Will Mahone, president. "We provide medical care to people regardless of their ability to pay. We are the safety net for the community. Our emergency room always is open, regardless of how many people seek care and their financial status."

While Halifax Regional plays a unique role in the community, Mahone says it is a two-way street. "We support the community, and the community needs to support us so we can continue to provide these benefits," he said.

“We offer a comprehensive array of affordable services,” said Mahone. “We strive to meet the needs of the community so people will not have to travel out of town.”

Mahone points out that Halifax Regional also provides a boost to the local economy. “We employ approximately 1,000 full and part time people, and our payroll and benefits total approximately \$50 million a year.”

For more information on the community benefits Halifax Regional provides, visit [www.halifaxregional.us](http://www.halifaxregional.us) and click on community benefits.

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**About Halifax Regional**

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 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](http://www.halifaxregional.us).