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CASSANDRA OWENS JOINS WILDWOOD CLINIC AS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. (August 17, 2009)—Cassandra Owens, a highly trained Physician Assistant, has joined Wildwood Medical Clinic in Henrico.

Owens comes from HalifaxWorks, the occupational health program at Halifax Regional. “She has performed superlatively at HalifaxWorks, treating a broad range of injuries and illnesses,” said Mary Pat Whaley, Practice Administrator at Halifax Regional. “We are delighted that she will be taking care of patients at Wildwood.”

A native of Lincolnvile, a rural community in central Kansas, Owens is a graduate of the University of Kansas, where she majored in human biology. She completed the 27-month Physician Assistant program at Marietta College in Ohio. There she gained experienced in internal medicine, pediatrics, OB-GYN, surgery and emergency medicine.

“Wildwood Clinic is an exciting opportunity for me because I enjoy all aspects of medicine,” Owens said. “I prefer smaller communities, and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Lake Gaston area. Having a lake and the Atlantic Ocean nearby is quite different for a Kansas native, and I enjoy this area.”

Owens likes treating patients from all age ranges. “With my medical training and experience, I will be a good fit for everyone in the family, young and old,” she added.

Wildwood offers a range of family medical services, including sick care, physical exams, wellness checks, management of chronic illness and lab tests. Owens enjoys the challenge of promoting health and wellness.

Owens replaces Darlene Kocich, NP, on August 31. Kocich is moving to an organization where she will work with several medical providers. “Darlene has helped establish Wildwood Clinic’s reputation for high quality family medicine, and we wish her the best,” said Whaley. “Darlene and Cassie will have already worked together several weeks to ensure a smooth transition.”

Kenneth Robert, MD, a highly respected physician in Roanoke Rapids, continues as Medical Director at Wildwood.

The Clinic is located near Pea Hill Creek and Washburn’s Marina at 2053 River Road in Henrico. Wildwood is open 8:30 am. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Wildwood is welcoming new patients. Call 537-9400 for an appointment.

The Wildwood Medical Clinic is a service of Halifax Regional. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.us.

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