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PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION

Halifax Regional Pinwheel Garden Recognizes Efforts to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (April 4, 2013) —April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Halifax Regional will join thousands of communities across North Carolina and the country in recognition by planting a pinwheel garden as a symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention on Friday, April 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the hospital (area between main entrance and Emergency Care Center).

Members of Girl Scout troop #3406 along with children of Halifax Regional employees will each plant a pinwheel at the hospital to represent children having a successful future to look forward to. The pinwheel is the new symbol of child abuse prevention, representing community efforts to provide children with the safe, stable, nurturing relationships they need for healthy development.

Halifax Regional Chief of Pediatrics, Dr. Shelia Bhagwandass; Halifax Regional President, William Mahone; and Administrative Director of Clinical Facility Development, Barbara Moore, will join families and children to plant pinwheels on the front lawn at Halifax Regional.

"Healthy child development is the foundation for community and economic development," said Amy Joseph, Birthing Center manager. "The pinwheels represent our hope that all of the children in our community stable, loving, and stimulating environments - at home, in school, and in the community and become successful adults who make a positive contribution to our community."

All are welcome to attend and participate. For more information about Pinwheels for Prevention and the pinwheel garden ceremony at Halifax Regional, please contact Birthing Center Manager, Amy Joseph at 252-535-8701 or ajoseph@halifaxrmc.org.

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