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Halifax Regional Nurses Recognized Among “The Great 100” Accolade Acknowledges Nursing Excellence in North Carolina

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (November 6, 2013)—Halifax Regional congratulates employees April Clay, BSN, RNC-OB and Alice Anne Smith, RN, BSN, on being recognized among this year’s Great 100 Nurses in North Carolina.

“We are very fortunate here at Halifax Regional to have some of the finest nurses in the state, said Karen Daniels, vice president, nursing, Halifax Regional. It is particularly gratifying that those nurses are recognized by their peers for demonstrating excellence in practice and commitment in their profession. I think this is quite an accomplishment.”

Smith, a Clinical Supervisor with Roanoke Valley Health Services (RVHS)—a division of Halifax Regional—develops education and support programs for providers and nurses. She was instrumental in the implementation of electronic health records within RVHS. An engaged caregiver, Smith volunteers in an annual breast-cancer screening clinic sponsored by the medical center. She also raises funds for several charitable organizations and causes important to the community. A true community servant, Smith demonstrates compassion by assisting several elderly residents in her neighborhood by delivering meals to their homes.

Clay, a registered nurse for the past 9 years, works in Halifax Regional’s Birthing Center, demonstrates integrity, honesty, and accountability in both her professional and personal life. She displays her commitment to patients, families, and colleagues by regularly going above and beyond her job requirements. Clay is known to volunteer her time with new nurses and nursing students by structuring learning opportunities for them to better their craft. An energetic and enthusiastic person, Clay is involved in several hospital-wide programs and committees including the *Back to Sleep* program which encourages parents to have their infants sleep on their backs; and the employee events committee which promotes employee recognition and builds employee morale.

Last month, both Clay and Smith took part in a gala event hosted in tribute to all the 2013 “Great 100” nurse honorees. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of “The Great 100” making it a particularly special honor to have Halifax Regional nurses among those honored. During the gala event and awards ceremony, “Great 100” honorees Clay and Smith were supported by nearly a dozen colleagues from Halifax Regional including Vice President of Nursing, Karen Daniels, and Halifax Regional President, William Mahone.

“April and Alice represent the commitment, dedication, and passion of all Halifax Regional employees who put patients first, said William Mahone, president and chief executive officer, Halifax Regional. In a time when

healthcare is in flux, nurses from all practice areas are showing their mettle by being masterful stewards at improving patient satisfaction; evaluating quality improvement processes while meeting the high demands of their roles with integrity, honesty and accountability.”

One hundred nurses are selected from the 89,585 Registered nurses currently working in North Carolina. Since its inception in 1989, 20 Halifax Regional nurses have been recognized among “The Great 100” Nurses in North Carolina for their outstanding professional ability and their contributions to improving community health. This distinctive achievement is designed to promote nursing excellence.

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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.org.

About The Great 100 Nurses in North Carolina

The Great 100 is a non-profit organization honoring the nursing profession in North Carolina by recognizing the importance of registered nurses within a range of practice settings; promoting positive images of nurses and the nursing profession; acknowledging nurses demonstrating excellence in practice and a commitment to their profession; raising scholarships money for registered nursing education.