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## HALIFAX REGIONAL TOPS GOAL FOR UNITED WAY

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (December 16, 2011)—Employees of Halifax Regional have contributed more than \$30,000 to the United Way of the Roanoke Valley.

Employees exceeded the goal of \$30,000 with the final count totaling \$30,138, says Mike Joyner, RN, administrative director of nursing, who chaired the United Way committee for the Medical Center. "Halifax Regional continues to lead the business community in donations to the United Way.

"We are excited not only to top our goal," says Joyner, "but we are extremely pleased that twice as many employees donated, compared to last year's campaign."

"With difficult economic conditions continuing in our community, I am proud of the way our employees stepped up this year to help those less fortunate," said Will Mahone, president of Halifax Regional. "Our employees not only set a high standard of healthcare services, they also care about the welfare of the entire community."

A barbeque for employees raised more than \$1,600. Tim Kirby, a well-known local chef, volunteered to cook barbeque. His wife, Stephanie, works in the lab at the Medical Center. "Tim also donated the supplies and some food to help us so nearly all the money raised went to the United Way," added Joyner.

Mick Olesnevich, RN, manager of special services, Brandi Ross, operations manager of rehabilitation services, Julie Bain, director of health information management, Beth Collins, administrative assistant, and Karen Garris, administrative assistant were instrumental in the success of the campaign, said Joyner. Each department of the Medical Center had a captain leading fund raising activities.

"We have employees who are compassionate and love their communities," Joyner said. "They also have a passion for helping their friends and neighbors. This is a wonderful place to work."

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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.