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CELL PHONES TURN INTO MINUTES FOR SOLDIERS

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC—(February 11, 2011)—Halifax Regional has donated 30 cell phones to help our soldiers cope with deployment.

The phones were owned by the Medical Center and were out of date, said Robert Gordon, director of Information Systems. “We went throughout the Medical Center to collect them and knew ‘Cell Phones for Soldiers’ would put them to good use.”

Every phone donated helps increase the amount of talk time for our troops.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist of Newell, Massachusetts with \$21 of their money. The organization has raised nearly \$2 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas.

In 2008, Cell Phones for Soldiers planned to turn old cell phones into more than 12 million minutes of prepaid calling cards. The old phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone—enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad.

Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to collect 50,000 cell phones each month through a network of more than 3,000 collection sites across the country.

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