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### **NATHANIEL AUSBY RETIRES AT HALIFAX REGIONAL**

*45 Years Service at the Medical Center*

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. (January 29, 2010)—Halifax Regional said goodbye this week to one of the pillars of the Medical Center.**

Nathaniel Ausby retired after 45 years of service. The staff thanked him for his outstanding service at a reception.

“Today, it is most unusual to have employees work at one place for their entire career,” said Will Mahone, president. “Nathaniel has been part of the fabric of the Medical Center for so long. He has made a difference at the Medical Center, and we will miss him.”

Ausby is Assistant Director of Plant Operations, overseeing the daily functions of maintaining the building.

“Nathaniel is a shining example of what pride and craftsmanship should be with dedication and a willingness to do whatever it takes to keep facilities running,” said his supervisor, Russell Heese, manager of support services.

He started back in 1965 in the housekeeping department, where he trained employees. “That was the only job open then,” he said. After a year he moved into the Maintenance Department where he has stayed for 44 years.

“This is family,” Ausby said. “It is my nature to do things right, but Christ guides my personal ethics. Every day is a challenge, and my reward is to see things work right.”

When there is a change at the Medical Center, it always affected him first, Ausby said, since the plant operations department had to make the parts come together. Asked his most memorable event, he replied, “Every person here is a memory.”

His message to the community: “We have really well-trained people, and we work together as a team. Patients are known as a person here and given the utmost respect.”

In retirement, Ausby will continue as Chief of the Fire Department in Garysburg, volunteer in his church and work on landscaping and cars.

He refers to his wife, Lola, as “my jewel.” They have four grandchildren, and he’ll have more time to spend with them.

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