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**VOLUNTEERS RAISE \$10,000 TO SUPPORT HALIFAX  
REGIONAL DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY INITIATIVE**  
Fundraising Efforts Support Community Health

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (August 31, 2012)**—Halifax Regional Foundation received a generous donation check in the amount of \$10,000 from the Halifax Regional Volunteer Auxiliary to support the foundation’s digital mammography initiative. To date, the Halifax Regional Foundation’s digital mammography initiative has raised funds totaling \$650,000 to bring state-of-the-art medical digital mammography equipment to Halifax County and surrounding communities.

Though small in numbers, the 62 active participants of the Halifax Regional Volunteer Auxiliary hosted a series of fundraising events throughout the past two years to raise money in support of the digital mammography initiative which kicked off in spring of 2011. Donation money was raised through events sponsored and organized by volunteers including hospital uniform sales, jewelry trunk shows, book sales, and linen sales.

Last year, from January through December of 2011, the volunteers donated 15,458 hours of service to Halifax Regional. The services provided by the volunteers is invaluable; they contribute in areas throughout the medical center from the gift shop to the front desk and offering direct assistance to community members who visit Halifax HealthLink and HealthLink Plus. This allows Halifax Regional’s clinical professionals to focus their time and attention on providing compassionate care to patients.

Rita Baxter, a 13 year volunteer, originally joined the Auxiliary as a volunteer with the Roanoke Valley Medical Ministry Clinic when it opened. After the clinic closed, she continued volunteering in the hospital Gift Shop. “I like helping people if I can. I don’t like to sit around. I like to keep busy,” says Baxter.

Since 2009, the Halifax Regional Volunteer Auxiliary has raised close to \$80,000, donating time, talents, and funds to various departments throughout the medical center, the Halifax Community College, high school scholarships and donations to the Free Clinic.

The Halifax Regional Volunteer Auxiliary is always welcomes new members. To learn more about volunteering in the program, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Kay Hines by email at [khines@halifaxrmc.org](mailto:khines@halifaxrmc.org) or by phone at 252-535-8687.

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**About Halifax Regional**

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