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Moore Free Care Clinic Receives \$40,000 Grant From Moore County Community Foundation

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July 24, 2006 – Carthage, NC — Moore Free Care Clinic (MFCC) received a \$40,000 grant from the Moore County Community Foundation which will allow the clinic to hire a nurse to assist with case management for its Chronic Disease Management Clinic.

The clinic's award was among several made from the John W. and Marjorie A. Roffe Endowment and marks the first-ever distribution of funds to local health-related causes from the Roffe Endowment, a fund held and advised through the Moore County Community Foundation.

"We are so grateful to the Roffe Endowment for their generous gift to the uninsured of Moore County," say H. David Bruton, M.D., chairman, and one of the founders of the Moore Free Care Clinic. "Before becoming patients of the clinic, many of the uninsured were forced by circumstances to seek crisis intervention care. Often they were unable to obtain the prescribed medications they needed to prevent rapid progression of their chronic diseases. This gift from the Moore County Community Foundation will enable us to hire a nurse who will monitor, manage and educate these patients so they will have better health outcomes."

According to Laura Tremper-Jones, the clinic's executive director, the nurse, in addition to a midlevel provider, plus the volunteer physicians, nurses, and physical therapists, allows the clinic staff to spend more time with patients. "This ensures that the patients understand their medication regimens and we're able to discuss health promotion behaviors and conduct classes for patient groups. The patients get intensive health care management, which is critical since many of them have been without health care for such long periods of time."

The Roffe Endowment was established through a bequest from the late John and Marjorie Roffe, former Moore County residents. "We are so gratified to be the stewards of this magnificent and meaningful legacy from the Roffes," noted Randall Phillips, Moore County Community Foundation board president. "Their generous gift will continue to benefit our community for many, many years to come."

The Moore County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF). Local board members include Randall Phillips, president, Donnell G. Adams, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer, Cos Barnes, Betsy Best, Sherwood Blackwood, Pidgie Chapman, Michael Henry, Hugh Hinton, Jr., Stephen Later, Louise Lucas, Kelly McCrann, William Samuels, William Saunders, and Peggy Sarvis.

The Foundation operates to help individuals and organizations establish charitable endowments for the causes of their choice. All funds established through the Foundation qualify for maximum favorable tax advantages. As with the Roffe Endowment, funds may be established through planned gifts or by will and bequest.

For information on the Moore County Community Foundation, or to discuss the establishment of an endowment fund for a charitable interest of your choice, contact Randall Phillips in Pinehurst at 910-295-9689; or Southeast Regional Associate Beth Boney Jenkins at 910-815-2677 or 877-815-2617 (toll free); or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org and click on "Affiliates."

About Moore Free Care Clinic

Moore Free Care Clinic provides high-quality primary, preventive and specialty health care to limited-income people in Moore County. The clinic opened on April 29, 2004 and has registered nearly 1,200 patients. Fifty percent of the clinic's patients are employed but do not have access to employer-offered health care benefits, public assistance programs, such as Medicaid or Medicare, or they cannot afford health care insurance due to their low wages.

Moore Free Care Clinic is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. It does not receive any federal or state funds and is dependent upon the generosity of the community. You can aid the clinic by considering a tax-deductible contribution. Your donation may be mailed to Moore Free Care Clinic, PO Box 161, Pinehurst, NC 28370. For more information about Moore Free Care Clinic visit, www.moorefreecare.org or call 910-947-6550.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) is a statewide community development organization created to build capacity through philanthropy. The NCCF administers more than \$100 million in assets that sustain nearly 1,000 endowment funds established to provide long-term support of a

broad range of charitable needs, nonprofit organizations and scholarships in more than 60 counties across the state, including Moore County.

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