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Katahdin Valley Health Center Awards Six Scholarships

PATTEN, ME – June 9, 2008 – Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC), headquartered in Patten, Maine, today announced the recipients of the KVHC 2008 scholarships.

The six recipients are promising young students pursuing educations at the undergraduate level for future careers in the medical field. KVHC scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic achievements, community service and potential future contributions in the health field.

Since 2000, KVHC has assisted over 24 students with their higher education. KVHC scholarships of \$250 per student are awarded to graduating high school students who are committed to pursuing studies and careers in the medical and dental fields. Studies may include nursing, pre-med, physical therapy, physician assistant, medical assistant, counseling, social work, radiology, occupational therapy, dental hygiene, dental assistant, laboratory technical studies and related fields of study in the medical and dental professions.

KVHC's 2008 scholarship recipients are:

- Hannah Hiscoe, who graduated from Greater Houlton Christian Academy and plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University in Indianapolis to study pre-med and neuroscience.
- Casey Faulkingham, a graduate of Houlton High School whose plans include studying medical biology or social work at the University of Maine at Orono or the University of New England.

- Jasmine Brayall, who graduated from Katahdin High School in Stacyville. Jasmine will study nursing at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle this fall.
- Amanda King, a graduate of Schenck High School in East Millinocket. Amanda plans to attend the University of Maine at Fort Kent to study nursing.
- Kylie Kennedy of Southern Aroostook Community School in Dyer Brook who received a KVHC scholarship to assist with her pursuit to study radiology at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor.
- Abbie Colombo, a graduate of Stearns High School in Millinocket. Abbie is enrolled at the University of Maine at Augusta where she will pursue dental assisting.

KVHC's Chief Executive Officer Durward Humphrey said, "At Katahdin Valley Health Center, our mission is to address societal needs with a focus on improving access to health care. We feel it is very important to encourage our young people to explore higher learning because today's youth are tomorrow's caregivers. The KVHC scholarship recipients were awarded these honors based on their overall scholastic achievements, community service and future contributions to the health field.

"Each year KVHC awards scholarships to deserving high school individuals who demonstrate potential to improve access to health care.

"We are very pleased to be able to support these fine individuals and wish them well in their respective medical pursuits."

Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC) is a provider of high quality, cost effective primary health, dental, substance abuse and mental health care to the people throughout the Greater Katahdin Region. A Federally Qualified Health Center, KVHC is a nonprofit business governed by a board of directors, comprised of area volunteers, funded by a federal grant under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. KVHC employs 65 people at its facilities in Houlton, Island Falls, Millinocket and Patten.