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KVHC SPONSORS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN PATTEN

PATTEN, ME – October 1, 2007 – Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC), with facilities in Houlton, Island Falls, Millinocket and Patten, Maine, will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at the Patten Pentecostal Church on Monday, October 8, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

“We all expect blood to be there for us, but barely a fraction of those who can give, do. Yet sooner or later, virtually all of us will face a time of great vulnerability in which we will need blood. And that time is all too often unexpected. From its beginning, the American Red Cross has formed a community of service, of generous, strong and decent people bound by beliefs beyond themselves. The honor, spirit and resources of the American people come forth with neighbors helping neighbors in need - during earthquakes, floods, fires, storms - and also for the deeply personal and often quiet disasters that require a gift of blood. The seasons may be changing, but the need for blood never does,” said Durward Humphrey, KVHC’s executive director.

“KVHC is partnering with the Red Cross to bring this blood drive to Patten. I encourage everyone to donate or volunteer at the blood drive. Advance appointments can be made by calling 207-528-2285, Ext. 301 or 1-866-366-5842, Ext. 301 (toll free). Your support could help save the

life of someone with cancer, heart disease, gastrointestinal disease, anemia, fractures, trauma, bone and joint disease, liver, kidney and lung disease, or other serious medical conditions.”

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 in 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, Millinocket, Patten and Island Falls.

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