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The Cabarrus Health Alliance Receives Cannon Foundation Grant

Dr. William F. Pilkington, CEO, Public Health Director, announces the Cabarrus Health Alliance has received a \$120,000 grant from The Cannon Foundation, Inc. to expand public health dental operations to Kannapolis. Coupled with a previous grant, The Cannon Foundation, Inc, has now awarded a total of \$320,000 to support the construction of this new dental clinic.

The dental clinic will be located in the new Cabarrus Health Alliance facility under construction in Kannapolis at 300 Mooresville Road, at the North Carolina Research Campus. The new Cabarrus Health Alliance facility is expected to be completed in January of 2012.

According to Dr. Pilkington, “without the financial support of The Cannon Foundation, it would have been impossible to expand dental operations in Kannapolis. Thanks to the continued support of the Cannon Foundation, this clinic will allow the Cabarrus Health Alliance to serve critical unmet dental health needs for over 1,000 children per year. The strong bond between the Cannon Foundation and the county public health department has existed for over half a century and has resulted in nationally recognized improvements in the public health of our citizens. In 1955, the Cannon Foundation purchased vaccine that enabled us to be the first community in the United States to vaccinate our population against polio. In 2012, the completion of this dental clinic in Kannapolis will make us one of the first communities in the United States to meet the dental health needs of all our children. As we address the public health challenges of the 21st century, we look forward to even greater accomplishments as we continue our partnership with the Cannon Foundation.”

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