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The Healing Place of Wake County Breaks Ground for Construction

Raleigh, NC – The Healing Place of Wake County, a facility for homeless people with substance abuse problems, broke ground today on a 4.5-acre parcel of land on the Dorothea Dix Campus in Raleigh. The Healing Place is designed to provide atmosphere and support for up to 165 men and enable them to return to self-sufficient lives.

Three buildings, totally 41,000 square feet, will comprise the heart of The Healing Place campus at a construction cost of \$4.5 million. These costs are being paid for by generous gifts that include \$2 million from Wake Medical Center, \$1 million from Wake County, \$600,000 from the Wake County ABC Board and \$200,000 from CP&L. Other major contributors include the A.J. Fletcher Foundation and Capitol Broadcasting Company

The buildings will house:

- A *Non-Medical Detoxification Center* that can serve up to 25 men who would otherwise be taken to jails, hospital emergency rooms or left on the streets
- An *Emergency Shelter* that can provide overnight accommodations for up to 40 men
- A *Motivational Track Program* that can provide up to 30 men with short-term shelter if they agree to meet ~~treatment~~ requirements such as attending Alcoholic Anonymous and other program meetings
- A *Recovery Program* that can serve up to 70 men with advanced recovery support and help in developing marketable skills
- Administration, group therapy, kitchen and dining facilities

"Today's groundbreaking brings us one step closer to actively addressing the issues of homelessness and substance abuse in Wake County," said Fred Barber, board president for The Healing Place. "The corporate and community leadership displayed by our contributors is an inspiration to us all. As we continue to reach our financial goals, we hope other downtown businesses and organizations will take their lead and step forward to help us fill this growing need."

For more information on The Healing Place, contact Dennis Parnell at 919-838-9800.

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