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## **Suffolk Health and Human Services Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for Saturday**

SUFFOLK, Va. (June 19, 2009) A ribbon cutting for the new Health and Human Services is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 from 10 am – 12 pm. In addition to the ribbon cutting, there will be tours of the facility, information on available services and free hot dogs, sno-cones and popcorn. The event is open to the community.

The facility, which is located at 135 Hall Ave., is a catalyst in the rebirth of the Fairgrounds area of Suffolk. The 64,500 square-foot state-of-the-art facility houses the Suffolk Department of Health, as well as the Social Services Department. A \$500,000 contribution from the Obici Healthcare Foundation made a tremendous impact in getting this project underway. The first LEED-certified building in Suffolk, newly released studies and reports point to “green” building as one of the growing bright spots for the U.S. economy. Also included in this project is a lighted, landscaped park and water feature – complete with a walking trail – which will be enjoyed by visitors, employees and the entire community. Built on-time and under budget, this energy-efficient and environmentally friendly facility is a “one stop shop” for those persons seeking assistance, and provides enhanced health, hope and healing for our citizens.

The Suffolk Health Department offers a variety of health services, including health screenings, immunizations, prenatal and pediatric services, STD and communicable disease testing and treatment, family planning, WIC and SEVAMP Senior Services, and home health. The Department of Social Services is committed to excellence in promoting self-reliance and protection for the citizens of Suffolk through community-

based services. The Department is responsible for administering an effective social services and benefit programs safety net that meets the basic needs of citizens and provides community-based services within an environment that promotes family stability and self-reliance.

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