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MEDIA RELEASE

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GREENWOOD MEDICAL CENTRE TO OPEN IN KINGSTON EAST

Kingston, ON: The Kingston Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) and the City of Kingston are pleased to welcome the Greenwood Medical Centre to the St. Lawrence Business Park. Located at 496 Discovery Avenue, Unit 10 in The Empire Centre, the Greenwood Medical Centre is anticipated to open in early October.

Dr. Justyna Nowak and Dr. Jennifer Hacking have partnered to establish the Greenwood Medical Centre which will accommodate Drs. Nowak, Hacking, and Dr. Veronica Legnini plus one or two additional physicians. Once fully operational, the team will have the capability to provide care to approximately 5,000 patients.

"The Greenwood Medical Clinic will bring much needed services to the city's east-end. We are aware of the concern in the media that the closing of the Kingston Military Family Resource Centre's Family Health Centre will mean that existing patients are displaced," says Teri Jones, Family Physician Recruitment & Retention Project Manager for KEDCO. "Drs. Nowak and Hacking, who are currently practicing at the KMFRC Family Health Centre, will continue to provide care for all their existing patients. The change is in their location, practice model and their ability to roster new patients from both the base and Kingston in general. It's a win-win situation for Kingston."

"We are more than able to care for any military family that is looking for medical care. We can continue to care for the Kingston Military Family Resource Centre's patients plus more, and we remain committed to assisting military families with their health needs," notes Dr. Justyna Nowak.

CFB Base Commander Rick Fawcett concurs adding, "I am very happy that the doctors have agreed to continue to provide support to the military families currently under their care and that they wish to maintain a relationship with the garrison and military families."

Persons in need of a Family Physician are encouraged to enroll with Health Care Connect by calling 1-800-445-1822 or online at: www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect .

KEDCO oversees the Family Physician Recruitment and Retention portfolio on behalf of the City of Kingston. To date, the program which was put in place in 2008 has entered into contracts with 27 physicians who have or will be starting their local practices over the next three years. For more information, visit <http://livework.kingstoncanada.com> .

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