

### **Canton Pediatric Center Modeled after Top Five Children's Hospital**

Canton, Ga. (February 1, 2005) – The recent opening of Northside Children's Pediatric Center in Canton heralds a bright era for parents in Cherokee County. Gone are the days of fighting metro Atlanta traffic to access children's specialty healthcare for little ones. Conveniently located in one of the county's fastest growing cities, the new facility offers an enlightened approach to pediatric care.

"As new residents of Canton, we realized this rapidly growing area needed an expansion of its comprehensive pediatric care facilities," says Michael G. Anderson, MD, FAAP, who founded the center with his wife, Stephanie H. Anderson, ND, RN-CS. "By combining our experience at a large children's hospital with our family-focused values, we've created a comfortable environment where families can obtain state-of-the-art pediatric care."

Northside Children's Pediatric Center treats children of all ages, from newborns to adolescents. In addition to well-visits and immunizations, the practice treats a variety of illnesses and conditions, including school exams, asthma, allergies, stomach disorders, infectious diseases, ADHD, and maternal-child issues. The Andersons, who are affiliated with Northside Hospital-Cherokee, modeled their enhanced repertoire of services after the ones they observed while working at The University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, one of the nation's top five specialty children's hospitals.

"Our perspective goes beyond traditional medicine because patients and parents require a well-rounded approach to healthcare," Dr. Anderson explains.

An element of this approach is Telemedicine, an innovative form of healthcare communication. The service allows parents to coordinate their children's care with Dr. Anderson over the Internet. Through the system, parents have convenient access to their children's health records, can request appointments and obtain certain services. The Andersons are pioneers in this area, offering a service known as "e-Care/e-Rx<sup>SM</sup>" a secure messaging service with the support of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

“As parents of two energetic little girls, we understand the demands on parents’ time and their need to receive individualized attention on their schedule. Telemedicine is ideal for the two-parent, busy family,” says Stephanie Anderson.

Both members of this doctor-nurse, husband-wife team boast impressive credentials. Dr. Anderson is a Board Certified Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is also a highly sought-after lecturer who is actively involved in medical research initiatives. Both Andersons maintain faculty teaching positions at several prestigious institutions throughout the country.

Stephanie Anderson is separately board certified in all Pediatric, Adult, and Women’s Health nurse practitioner specialties. She received her Doctor of Nursing degree from Chicago’s Rush University. She has trained and worked at prominent national facilities and participates in ongoing educational activities. The Andersons’ groundbreaking work with the national Monkeypox epidemic, a rare smallpox-related infection, was spotlighted by a *New York Times Magazine* feature article in 2004, pediatric journals, and the *Centers for Disease Control* in Atlanta.

For more information about Northside Children’s Pediatric Center, visit [www.NorthsideChildrens.com](http://www.NorthsideChildrens.com) or call 770-720-MyMD (720-6963).

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