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News Release

Medical Director Honored for His Years of Service Caring for Children in Union County

May 29, 2014, Monroe, NC – Safe Alliance has named its medical room at the Tree House Children's Advocacy Center *The Helmuth Medical Room* in honor of Dr. Willard Helmuth, medical director for Union County Public Health.

In April 2006, Dr. Helmuth began providing medical exams for children at the Children's Advocacy Center in Union County. Before Dr. Helmuth arrived, child abuse victims had to go to adjoining counties for medical exams, sometimes waiting up to six weeks for an appointment. Dr. Helmuth agreed to see patients for one year while another physician was recruited to work at the Tree House. His one-year commitment turned into nine years!

Dr. Helmuth is a board certified pediatrician and neonatologist. His background includes working for the Center for Disease Control, directing a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, working as a vice president of a medical group in Florida and traveling as a medical missionary.

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