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FORMER IOWA RESIDENT BRINGS PEDIATRIC AND FAMILY MEDICINE EXPERIENCE

Wenny Jean, MD, MPH, Returns to Iowa to Join Broadlawns' Family Health Center

Des Moines, August 16, 2007 – Broadlawns Medical Center announced today that **Wenny Jean, M.D.**, a licensed family medicine physician, has returned to Iowa to join the staff of Broadlawns Medical Center's Family Health Center.

"Dr. Jean is a great addition to the Family Health Center," said **Larry Severidt, M.D., Director of Broadlawns' Family Medicine Residency Program**. "With her extensive experience and training in pediatrics and family medicine, Dr. Jean enhances our ability to meet the health needs of families in our community. I am extremely pleased to welcome her to Broadlawns Medical Center. We are fortunate to have her come to our community."

Dr. Jean moved from California back to Iowa, where she completed her residency in Family Medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. While in Iowa City, she became acquainted with Iowa and Iowans. "I especially appreciate the strong family orientation here, which is a priority for me," Dr. Jean said. She and her husband, also a physician, decided to relocate to Des Moines to practice medicine here.

Dr. Jean received a Doctorate of Medicine as well as a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 2000. She was a pediatrics resident and a Harvard University medical officer at Massachusetts General Hospital before moving to Iowa City in 2003. At Iowa City, in addition to being a family medicine resident, she also earned her



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Masters of Public Health. For the past two years, she has been in private practice at John C. Fremont Hospital and Clinics in Mariposa, Calif., where she worked extensively with abused children, victims of domestic violence and sufferers of depression. She currently has special interests in women's and children's health and is accepting new patients.

“Broadlawns represents an opportunity to provide medical care to families and children in the Des Moines area as well as teach and learn in the perfect academic setting,” Dr. Jean said. “My ultimate goal is to provide compassionate and thorough medical services with the level of excellence that Broadlawns has built over the decades. I look forward to becoming a valuable participant in this community.”

With a history that reaches back to 1903 as a community health center, Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow's health care professionals. Today, Broadlawns Medical Center is composed of:

- An acute care community hospital serving medical, surgical, mental health and primary care needs
- A 60-member physician practice overseeing numerous specialty clinics and outpatient services
- A Family Medicine Residency Program that graduates physician leaders who today serve in 22 of Iowa's 99 counties