



March 25, 2009

Mr. Michael Schwartz
President and CEO
Prince William Health System
8650 Sudley Rd., Suite 411
Manassas, VA 20110

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

The Board of Directors of the Prince William County–Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce endorses the intention of the Prince William Health System to partner with another nonprofit health system. We believe such a partnership would allow Prince William Hospital to continue to provide the highest quality of care to our community.

Since its founding in 1964, Prince William Hospital has been honored with numerous awards, locally, statewide and nationally for its excellent care. However, due to significantly rapid population growth in Prince William County coupled with increased demand for medical services, the hospital now needs additional financial resources to enhance and expand its services.

In order to meet the needs of a population that is expected to increase by more than 20 percent in the next three years, Prince William Health System would like to build an additional hospital to serve residents in western Prince William County. In addition, many older buildings dating from the 1960s, as well as the Intensive Care Unit require renovation and additional private patient rooms and more convenient parking are needed on the Manassas campus.

More importantly, a partnership with a larger, financially strong health system would allow the hospital to offer the most advanced technology, sophisticated services and more physician specialists to meet our community's needs.

As a business organization, we believe a partnership would also benefit the community economically. As Prince William Health System grows to meet the needs of our growing community, it will create additional jobs and career opportunities not only for its own employees but for other businesses as well.

The Board of Directors of the Prince William County–Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce applauds the efforts of the Prince William Health System Board of Trustees to conduct a thorough search to identify the right partner. Your efforts will most certainly secure the future of Prince William Health System as well as preserve its mission as a nonprofit organization to serve the best interests of the community.

We believe that as a world-class community, Prince William County deserves a world-class health system.

Best Regards,

Steve Nelson, Chair
Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce