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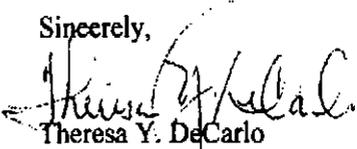
I feel compelled to write you today on behalf of Oak Forest Hospital. I just found out that you intend on closing the hospital and I couldn't wait one minute longer to contact you ask you to reconsider this action. Oak Forest Hospital means so much to its patients and the community surrounding it, the loss would be unbearable.

My physician first introduced me to Oak Forest Hospital after I suffered a severe spinal cord injury. I was already familiar with the hospital by it's positive reputation but had no idea of the level of service I would experience . . . the staff has been nothing short of fantastic from day one. Friendly, courteous, caring, patient, timely, those are just a few words I can use to describe the staff; it is the kind of service that always make me feel safe and secure. Seeking the best medical care, I've been to many different County Hospitals and they all pale in comparison to the quality I found in Oak Forest Hospital.

Although I was originally referred to the hospital, I would choose and have chosen them again and again. Oak Forest Hospital has seen me through surgery, medical procedures, follow up visitation, and even the simplest things like making sure I get the right medications. Given the opportunity not only will I always go back but I would recommend anyone I care about seek medical attention there too.

When you are ill and need real assistance it is a shame to think that financial decisions have to take precedence over your health. A hospital like Oak Forest Hospital gives its patients that much needed health care that they otherwise may never be able to afford in a community that so desperately needs it. There is no other hospital that would care for its patients that are "low" to "no" income in that area. There is no other hospital that would care for its patients like Oak Forest Hospital . . . Period!

Sincerely,


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