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Keep Oak Forest and Provident Hospitals Open and Stop Cutting Stroger's Hospital

A good business/marketing plan is to make money and save money, but never at the expense of the Cook County Health and Hospital System's Mission Statement, "To provide Full Service Health Care Equally to All."

Cook County Hospital was founded in 1855 by God Fearing/Worshipping men and women with one mission: Provide full service and quality health care to all, regardless of their ability to pay. Today the Cook County Health and Hospital System are still committed and obligated to this mission.

Oak Forest Hospital, of Cook County, Illinois is a 600+ bed hospital in South Suburban Oak Forest, Illinois. It specializes in Long term Care, Ventilator Care, Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation services.

Until recently, uninsured patients from Cook County Hospital requiring Chronic and Long term Care, Ventilator Care, or Rehabilitation Care, were sent to Oak Forest Hospital as an alternative rather than remaining in acute Hospitals such as John H. Strogers or Provident Hospitals, vs. going to an over worked and understaffed Nursing Home.

Provident Hospital with 250+ beds, located on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois, once had the second most busiest Emergency Room, serving 50,000+ annually and providing Full Service Quality Health Care. Now Provident Hospital has been cut to the bone with lay-offs, refusing ambulance at the ER and set to be Shut Closed A.S.A.P.!

The John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County opened in 2002, as a 480 bed, state of the art Health Care Hospital; however, Jonh H. Stroger Jr. Hospital has been also downsized "20%+" with both Doctors and Nursing staff lay-offs, cutbacks on supplies that are needed daily to run a safe and clean Hospital.

The battle line has been set to separate the insured for Full Service Quality Health Care from the uninsured, who the County does not want to service any more as Free Full Service Health Care Hospitals!

The Cook County Health and Hospital System need more money and the money is available to them thru several revenue sources, such as; Cook County Traffic Fines, Sin Taxes, Sales Taxes and etc. But it is also a known fact that the Cook County Health and Hospital System Managements and Administrations Staff has operated poorly the system and Cook County Tax Payer's Dollars has been miss-managed currently and has been a constant practice to date!

The 2009 Cook County Health and Hospital System budget had a \$236.5M surplus, but within one year of 2009, that surplus was miss-manage and wiped out.

Now, both the Cook County President and Health and Hospital System Board, are using Oak Forest, Provident and John H. Stroger Jr. Hospitals as an escape goat or Band aid to balance the budget and resolve their poor management problems. "We the People Say NO!!!" Keep all three Hospitals Fully Operational...

The Cook County Health and Hospital System's board said, "They do not need or want Long Term or Inpatient Care, and or Trauma Care at Oak Forest and Provident Hospitals."

The Cook County Health and Hospital System were and still are created by the Cook County Residents and for the People, from the East Side to the West Side and From the North Side to the South Side.

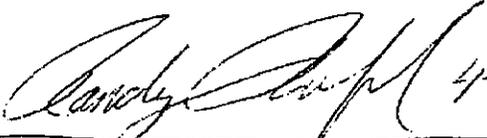
The request to close Oak Forest and Provident Hospitals and the cut backs at John H. Stroger's Hospital is of the Devil and is hereby REJECTED!

In dosing, we the tax payers have and still do pay for the Cook County Health and Hospital Systems operations as a Full Service Quality Health Care System, to be provided for all people equally both Rich and Poor!

Note; Price Water House Cooper's consulting firm, one of many hired by the C.C.H.H.S'S Board is paid 20% of all money cut from the budget, (The Board calls the cutting of staff and closing of Hospitals a Savings).

Please allow our God and Lord and Savior to touch your Hearts and Minds to REJECT the request to close Oak Forest and Provident Hospital and the cut backs at John H. Stroger's Hospital.

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