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North Texas Hospital Breaks Ground in Denton

March 1, 2004 – Denton, Texas – More than 100 physicians, civic and business leaders recently attended the groundbreaking of North Texas Hospital in Denton.

Denton Mayor Pro Tem Mark Burroughs welcomed the new facility, saying, “In multiple planning sessions for the City of Denton over the past several years, we have consistently placed health care as one of our top economic development priorities. We want Denton to become a medical destination, not only for North Texas and Oklahoma, but for the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex as well.”

Randy Robinson, chairman of the board for the Denton Chamber of Commerce, added, “This is a win-win deal. The land originally belonged to a corporation that has now closed its plant. To have a medical facility use this parcel is tremendous for Denton because we can continue moving towards our goal of strong growth in the health care industry.”

North Texas Hospital originated from initial meetings among a group of Denton area physicians who wanted to enhance health care for their patients while having more control over their practices. As they reviewed various options, they called on Cirrus

Health to meet with them. Cirrus partners with physicians to create medical facilities that are governed by the physicians.

Bob Brownd, Regional Vice President for Cirrus Health, recalls the first meeting with the physicians.

“We came in to talk with a few doctors about a vision,” he said. “We were so inspired by them, we wanted to help them achieve that vision. Their goal and ours is to provide excellence in health care and a good place to work.”

John Delumba, M.D., a Denton gynecologist, had this to say about the project:

“This initially fragmented committee of physicians found a way to work together to improve our practices for our patients and ourselves. Thanks to Cirrus Health, our dreams are now coming to fruition. The more I learn about the way other companies handle this type of project, the more I realize we couldn’t have picked a better developer in this environment than Cirrus Health. Too many times, physicians have dreams but are afraid to move forward. In this case, we’re doing it. I’d love to see this same thing happen throughout the country – we can change the face of health care for the better if doctors can regain a greater say in the delivery of their patient’s care.”

Michelle McLaughlin, physician relation specialist for Cirrus Health, admires the doctors’ dreams.

“I’ve worked with Bob Brownd and Keith Biggers in one of several successful, medical start-up companies, and these gentlemen have visions that are boundless,” she says. “If anyone can take a project such as the North Texas Hospital to a level beyond any other, it will be under the leadership of Cirrus Health and the physicians associated with the project. Based on my experience, I can assure the physicians are in good hands.”

The North Texas Hospital is located on a 25-acre campus east of I-35E and on the south side of Mayhill Road. The 59,980 square foot hospital, which is scheduled to open in January 2005, will feature a full complement of inpatient and outpatient surgical services, an imaging center, and minor emergency services. Six state-of-the-art surgical suites will be complemented by 16 in-patient beds designed to facilitate surgical recoveries. Future expansion of the campus will include professional offices and a pharmacy.

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