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City of Wilmington Council Honors Christiana Care Health System for Commitment to Wilmington

(WILMINGTON, Del. – March 14) The City of Wilmington Council commended [Christiana Care Health System](#) for the positive impact its Wilmington Hospital Transformation Project and injury prevention outreach efforts are making in the lives of Delawareans and the City of Wilmington.

On behalf of Council President Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., 7th District Council Member Robert A. Williams presented the official resolution to Edmondo Robinson, M.D., physician-in-chief of Wilmington Hospital and associate chief medical officer of Christiana Care; Sandra Medinilla, M.D., trauma surgeon; Joan Pirrung, APRN, nurse manager for the trauma program; and Kathy Boyer, RN, injury prevention coordinator at the City Council meeting March 6.

Robinson received the honor for the Wilmington Hospital Transformation Project, a \$210 million endeavor that not only transforms the physical structure of Wilmington Hospital, but also the way care is delivered on the campus, making it more patient- and family-centered, more technologically advanced, more coordinated and more efficient. Christiana Care's Wilmington Hospital Campus has served the Wilmington Community for nearly 125 years, meeting its diverse medical needs and providing a health care safety net for the underserved.

Christiana Care's trauma team was honored for its violence prevention outreach, including the production of "The Ripple Effect", a powerful documentary about the medical consequences of gun and gang violence. "The Ripple Effect" shows live footage from the trauma center at Christiana Care's Christiana Hospital, as health care teams race to save the lives of gunshot victims. The Ripple Effect production was funded by a grant from the Criminal Justice Council through the U.S. Attorney Office's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

As a Level 1 trauma center, Christiana Hospital educates the community as well as patients on injury prevention, which includes ways to reduce the rate of violent crime among children and teenagers. Christiana Care plans to show the documentary to numerous community groups throughout Delaware. For more information, visit <http://christianacare.org/rippleeffect>.

Also presenting the commendation to Christiana Care were members Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Ernest “Trippi” Congo II, Darius J. Brown, Hanifa G.N. Shabazz, Samuel Prado, Sheerry Dorsey Walker, Robert A. Williams, Charles Bud Freel, Michael A. Brown Sr., Maria D. Cabrera, Loreta Walsh and Justen A. Wright.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country’s largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Thomas Jefferson Medical College, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as for its Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest capability). Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/howeare.

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