



## CHRISTIANA CARE HEALTH SYSTEM

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### Christiana Care Purchases Middletown Site

**WILMINGTON, DE (September 29)** - Christiana Care Health System purchased a 108-acre site in Middletown, near the Route 1 interchange to develop a medical campus. This land purchase is the first step in responding to the community's demand for expanded Christiana Care services in New Castle County's fastest-growing area.

"By expanding in Middletown, Christiana Care makes the care our neighbors need and want more accessible," said Robert J. Laskowski, M.D., Christiana Care CEO. "This is a long-term project for Christiana Care and purchasing land now ensures we are able to meet the region's future health care needs for several decades," adds Dr. Laskowski.

Population growth and an aging boomer generation are increasing demands for the State's regional health care system. "Next steps in the planning process include specific research and review of what health care needs are most in demand for our neighbors," explained Laskowski. Options include physician offices, outpatient services and possibly a freestanding emergency department.

"This is something you dream about and it's been talked about for a long time," remarked Middletown Mayor Ken Branner. "Now that it is becoming a reality, it's really unbelievable. We have worked with Christiana Care for 15 years with their satellite locations and now this. We look forward to continuing our partnership."

State Representative Dick Cathcart added, "Our community has been interested in making Christiana Care's services more accessible for some time. I am very pleased with the news that Christiana Care has listened to me and our community and is taking the first important step in bringing Christiana Care closer to our neighbors here in Middletown, Odessa and Townsend."

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#### **About Christiana Care Health System**

Christiana Care Health System is one of the region's largest health care providers, serving Delaware and neighboring areas in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A not-for-profit teaching hospital, 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 Hospital is the only Level I trauma center between Philadelphia and Baltimore. 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. With more than 10,000 employees, Christiana Care is the largest private employer in Delaware and the 10th largest employer in the Philadelphia region. In 2007 Christiana Care had more than \$1.5 billion in total patient revenue and provided the community with \$35.7 million of free care and medicine last year. Find more information at [www.christianacare.org](http://www.christianacare.org)