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Mr. N. Earl Jones, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Good Hope Hospital
410 Denim Drive
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Dear Mr. Jones:

I have received word that Good Hope Hospital will be partnering with Triad Hospitals, Inc. to build a replacement hospital in North Carolina. This is an excellent opportunity for Good Hope Hospital.

Triad Hospitals, Inc. recently selected to locate in our community. Their caring and compassion for our community has been continually evident. Also, their support of our charitable efforts, which serves some of the poorest members of this region, began prior to the construction of their facility approximately a year ago.

A few months ago, when our local public community hospital stated they had selected to close their obstetric and gynecological unit, Mountain View Regional Medical Center immediately announced its doctors would be available to provide aid to meet the local demand for these services. Mr. John Hummer, President and CEO of Mountain View Regional Medical Center, even suggested that their doctors could provide services at the public hospital. The immediate response and possible solution to this crisis is to be commended.

I am in agreement with Dr. G. Jay Gogue, President of New Mexico State University, and I congratulate you for selecting of Triad as your future partner. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance to Good Hope Hospital.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B.
Bishop of Las Cruces

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