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TO: Forum Health Community
FROM: Keith T. Ghezzi, M.D.
President and CEO
RE: Pediatric Services

In a statement sent to the media this morning, Humility of Mary Health Partners and Akron Children's Hospital announced that, following months of ongoing discussions, they have decided not to proceed with a proposed collaboration with Forum Health to provide pediatric health care services in the Mahoning Valley.

We regret this development and continue to believe that the community's pediatric health needs would have been best served by a partnership between Forum, Akron and Humility of Mary.

We continue our efforts to identify buyers and investors for Forum's facilities and businesses. Forum's Board of Trustees and management team are committed to achieving the best possible outcome in the sales process - one that will improve health care services by attracting new investment, resolve Forum's financial challenges and preserve jobs.

The Akron and Humility announcement will not affect that goal.

When we began discussions regarding a potential partnership, we did so hoping to create a strong and effective collaborative relationship that would allow Forum a role in continuing the legacy of Tod Children's Hospital and actually enhance the quality and scope of pediatric services available in the community.

We believe that Forum's many contributions – our skilled caregivers and tradition of quality pediatric healthcare – would have made for a stronger, better pediatric facility. But the community will clearly benefit from the pediatric skills and expertise that Akron offers.

I would like to thank all of the physicians, nurses, technicians and staff for their professionalism as we work to complete the transition of pediatric services and concentrate on continuing the Forum Health tradition of providing superior patient care.

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