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**PASNAP Welcomes the Sale of Crozer Health to Christiana**

**Conshohocken, PA** - The news that Crozer Health is being sold to Christiana, a locally controlled non-profit health system, is a strong and welcome first step toward returning the system to its core mission of caring for the patients of Delaware County. Over the last several years, Crozer's current owner, Prospect Medical Holdings, has seemed more concerned with generating profits for its hedge fund owners in California.

"Profits should never take precedence over patients or those who care for them," says Maureen May, R.N., president of PASNAP, the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals which represents 1,200 nurses and other professional staff within the Crozer Health System. "Costs should never be prioritized over patient care and the health and safety of frontline caregivers. You cannot separate those things. They go hand in hand – which is why the next step Christiana must take is recognizing not only the union but our existing contracts. That is the only way to ensure a smooth transition and begin to fix the problems with recruitment and retention of frontline caregivers, who have been fleeing the bedside under Prospect's disastrous tenure in Delaware County."

Prospect Medical Holdings, a Los Angeles-based company, announced yesterday a preliminary agreement to sell its three Connecticut hospitals to Yale New Haven Health. This morning, the company announced the sale of the four-hospital Crozer Health system – Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland, Delaware County Memorial Hospital in Drexel Hill, Springfield Hospital in Springfield, and Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park – to ChristianaCare, a private, not-for-profit regional healthcare system based in Delaware.

"This sale is so important for us and our community," says Peggy Malone, R.N., Vice President of the Crozer-Chester Nurses Association. "All we at the bedside want is to be able to give focused, safe, quality care in an environment where we're respected, supported and given the resources we need to prioritize our patients, not profits. That was not possible under Prospect's leadership. I feel strongly that this move will restore faith in our healthcare system and will give our community some peace of mind. We look forward to a smooth transition and a collaborative working relationship with an administration that puts patients first."

"Delaware County is getting it's hospital back," added Malone. "We are thrilled!"

The Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals represents more than 9,000 nurses and healthcare professionals across the Commonwealth, among them, 1,200 nurses and healthcare professionals within the Crozer Health system.

