

Press Release

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BERTRAND CHAFFEE HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES AFFILIATION WITH CATHOLIC HEALTH

(JUNE 1, 2011) SPRINGVILLE, NY Bertrand Chaffee Hospital proudly announces the consummation of an affiliation agreement with Catholic Health on Thursday, May 26th 2011. Both Bertrand Chaffee Hospital and Catholic Health believe the agreement will provide efficiency of operations and improved healthcare services can result from utilizing shared resources. This agreement will enhance ease of access to a continuum of comprehensive, affordable healthcare services for the residents in Southern Erie County and surrounding counties.

“The Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Board of Directors will retain its independence and all governance responsibility as in the past”, says Timothy Horner, President of the Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Board. Catholic Health has offered Bertrand Chaffee Hospital a collaborative association unlike other healthcare systems in the Springville community. This affiliation gives Bertrand Chaffee Hospital the best opportunity to continue serving the community and add service not currently available in Springville.

“In all, the community will benefit tremendously from this affiliation agreement” added Mr. Horner.