SRT DONATES $500,000 TO TRINITY HOSPITAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

BOARD PRESIDENT SPEECH FOR JUNE 30 PRESS CONFERENCE

Good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us today.

I've been on the SRT Board of Directors for seven years, and today marks an especially proud moment in how we can make a difference together as a community. As we stand on the site of this beautiful healthcare campus, we can all see that difference right here.

When SRT's Board discussed Trinity's capital campaign with the cooperative's executive staff, we all recognized how important this hospital is for the communities and people in our service area. It's exciting for SRT to provide not only financial support to complete this project, but also the fiber technology that will help Trinity to continue delivering excellent care in their new facility.

SRT began as a telephone company in 1951, when the Verendrye Electric board identified the need for telephone service in rural north central North Dakota. We have since become the largest **telecommunications cooperative** in North Dakota.

One of the core principles of **cooperatives** is ***Concern for Community***. We live by this principle every day as we serve the people of North Dakota, and we see this principle in Trinity Health. This significant construction project truly demonstrates Trinity's drive and commitment to the community and region.

About ten years ago SRT transitioned from a telephone company to a broadband company. But the spirit of connecting people to opportunity continues, whether the technology is phone lines or gig internet. SRT is committed to advancing quality of life in our area for everyone.

Today is a good day and this is a great time to live in North Dakota. Thank you all, and best wishes to Trinity Health for a successful transition in the spring!

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