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Dear Mayor Dyer:

On behalf of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, I am respectfully asking for your strong public support and leadership to bring the Nemours Children's Hospital to Orlando.

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation has made substantial contributions for the betterment of our region for over three decades. I am proud to say the Foundation has had a major role in the creation or enhancement of nonprofits in health, education, human service, and the arts throughout the State of Florida, but primarily in our hometown of Central Florida. We work with national foundations and have secured millions of dollars of support to our region from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Ford Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Jessie Ball DuPont Fund, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and many others. Our approach to "philanthropy beyond check writing" has us serving on various committees, task forces and work groups; most recently, the UCF Medical School Task Force and the effort to bring the Burnham Institute to Central Florida. We fully endorse the Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando as the largest single gift to children's health in this community.

The case for Nemours is strong. They have contributed more than 550 million dollars to the children of Florida since 1980. The Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando will be:

- a 300 million dollar capital investment
- a 30-40 million dollar annual mission investment in the children's hospital
- 1,500 potential jobs with an economic impact of over 350 million dollars

The Nemours Children's Hospital will compliment our existing and planned medical and bio-tech initiatives. Central Florida will be a "medical city", the likes of

Rochester, Minnesota; Cleveland, Ohio; and Boston, Massachusetts. Additionally, just three days ago Governor Jeb Bush recognized Nemours with the 2006 Governor of Florida Innovation Award based on its demonstrated ingenuity, civic leadership, and significant contribution to diversifying and strengthening Florida's economy.

Mayor, it's not all about the dollars and economic impact it's about the children:

- In 2005, more than 238,000 children had nearly a million instances of care entrusted to Nemours
- More than 82 million parents, kids and teens came to Nemours KidsHealth.org in 2005
- Nemours supports pediatric specialties that are of value to the community but whose practice is often associated with a financial loss
- Nemours is committed to clinical research for children's health care, ranked 13th in NIH funding, and producing over 250 peer reviewed contributions to journals, books and chapters annually
- In a region growing at an estimated 15-19% rate over the next 10 years, almost 300,000 new pediatric patients will need access to high quality care such as would be provided at Nemours Children's Hospital

I respectfully ask for your strong public support and leadership to bring Nemours Children's Hospital to Central Florida and to lead the effort across our region to find out who is for kids and who is just kidding.

Please let me know how the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation might assist you in this effort.

Sincerely,



DAVID A. ODAHOWSKI
President

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