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Following is a message delivered today from CHE Trinity Health interim President and CEO Judy Persichilli to employees.

Dear Colleagues:

You might remember CHE Trinity Health announced in July a non-binding Letter of Intent with St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center (SJHHC) in Syracuse, New York, for SJHHC to become part of our system. Since then, we have engaged in a comprehensive process to learn more about each other's cultures, patient outcomes, financial performances and organizational structure.

After three months of conversations and due diligence, CHE Trinity Health and SJHHC agreed this month that we will not move forward with the plans we announced in July.

We concluded that now is not the right time for us to come together. We believe a better alternative is to pursue a strategic affiliation agreement that enables us to share ideas and resources that can strengthen our ministries.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this process. We will continue to share with you our plans for the future as they progress.

Judy