



To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jennifer Heintzelman and I am the publisher of Sauk Valley Media, a regional news company serving the counties of Lee, Ogle, Whiteside and Carroll. As a dedicated professional with deep roots in our community, I have had the honor of working closely with many members of the KSB team throughout my time in Dixon to foster strong partnerships rooted in our shared commitment to the community.

I am pleased to give my full support and commitment to the new affiliation with OSF Healthcare and KSB Hospital. This partnership marks a significant milestone for Dixon and the entire community. By aligning these two esteemed institutions, I am confident that it will enhance the quality of care, broaden access to innovative treatments, and improve overall patient outcomes throughout Dixon and the surrounding communities.

Both KSB and OSF share core values of respect, integrity, compassion, and excellence, which guide their daily operations and long-term strategies. This new partnership between KSB and OSF will ensure that the tradition of exceptional care KSB is known for will not only continue but will also be elevated to new heights, benefitting generations to come.

By joining forces, KSB will be able to leverage OSF's extensive resources, advanced technologies and specialized expertise, all of which are vital to our community members in need of this care. This partnership will ensure patients can receive this care locally where they have grown to trust the familiar faces that have always been a hallmark of KSB.

As someone who lives and works in this community, this affiliation becomes significant for me and my family. Knowing that we can continue to rely on KSB for top quality healthcare, now further enhanced, gives us, our neighbors and community an added sense of security and peace of mind.

In closing, I want to express my continued support for this exciting affiliation between KSB and OSF. I am confident that this partnership will bring tremendous benefits to our community. Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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