

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Heart disease is a leading cause of death in Hampton Roads, and Chesapeake Regional Healthcare is responding to the needs of the Southside.

We plan to bring fully comprehensive cardiovascular services to our medical center with the addition of a state-of-the-art cardiovascular operating room. We already offer award-winning cardiac services through our excellent catheterization lab, so this is the logical next step to provide a comprehensive program to our community. First, we need state approval. We greatly appreciate your support and help in spreading the word about our new program.

**Our heart beats for you,
the community that built us.**

**Help us build a program that
keeps your heart beating.**

5 Reasons

to Support an Open Heart Program at Chesapeake Regional Healthcare

1 Heart disease in Hampton Roads is widespread. With an ever-increasing number of patients suffering from heart disease, our program will offer life-saving services to meet patient needs, right here in Chesapeake.



2 Our population is projected to grow at a rate of 4-5%, and, in Chesapeake alone, the number of those most likely to need cardiac surgery is expected to grow almost 9.5% in the next five years.



3 For those with heart disease, every minute matters. Having an open-heart surgery program in Chesapeake will reduce travel and wait times for our patients, many who are currently 30-45 minutes away from a hospital with an open-heart surgery program.



4 Due to the limited number of beds at area hospitals with open-heart surgery programs, patients are facing longer hospital stays while they wait for surgery, increasing the risk of complications and the cost of their care.



5 In addition to deserving access to life-saving services such as those offered in an open-heart surgery program, patients also deserve choice. Competition provides choice and leads to improved care.



HOW TO HELP

Please write a letter describing why you support CRH's open heart surgery application. Include any positive experiences you've had at CRH and/or personal heart disease related stories and information.

We will help pass it along to the State Health Commissioner. Address your letter to:

Colin M. Greene, MD, MPH, State Health Commissioner

c/o Chesapeake Regional Healthcare

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