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## **Christiana Care Health System Hosts Premiere of “Say Something” at Theatre N**

(WILMINGTON, Del. – Jan. 25) [Christiana Care Health System](#) will host a premiere of a powerful new short film that illustrates the impact that violence has on a child’s life through their eyes during a special event from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at Theatre N in the Nemours Building at 1007 N. Orange St. in Wilmington.

The film is designed to encourage children to speak up when they experience or witness violence. Following the film, panelists will discuss possible solutions that can help reduce violence in our community.

The panel includes experts from Christiana Care, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, the Colonial School District, the New Castle County Police Department and the City of Wilmington, which operates Theatre N. The panel will be moderated by Dawn Mosley, owner of IAM Film Works.

“Our hope through this film is to dissuade young people from resorting to violent acts and also to encourage them to confide in a trusted adult when they witness violence,” said Joan Pirrung, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, Christiana Care’s Trauma Program manager. “By speaking up, we can have fewer lives impacted by the very preventable problem of violence.”

Christiana Care’s Christiana Hospital is the only Level 1 trauma center that treats both adults and children in Delaware and the only one of this kind located between Baltimore and Philadelphia, meaning it offers the highest capability of trauma care in the region. Christiana Hospital’s full range of trauma specialists treats more than 4,000 patients each year for every aspect of injury, from prevention through rehabilitation.

As a Level 1 trauma center, Christiana Hospital educates the community as well as patients on injury prevention, which includes ways to reduce the rate of violent crime among children and teenagers.

“Say Something” is the third violence-prevention video sponsored by Christiana Care. It was created through a partnership with Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, the New Castle County Police Department and the Colonial School District.

“The Ripple Effect”, which debuted in 2013, was the first documentary to show the medical consequences of gun violence. “Choice Road” debuted in 2011 and is a fictional film that tells the story of the medical consequences of one teenager’s decision to join a gang. Both films were created as a result of a grant from the Criminal Justice Council through the U.S. Attorney Office’s Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

All three videos are produced by IAM Film Works of Dover, Del.

**Editor’s note:** The screening is not open to the public. Members of the media are invited to attend the screening and panel discussion. Contact Hiran Ratnayake at [hratnayake@christianacare.org](mailto:hratnayake@christianacare.org) or at (302) 327-3327 to attend.

### **About Christiana Care Health System**

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country’s largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

For more information about Christiana Care, visit [www.christianacare.org/whoweare](http://www.christianacare.org/whoweare).

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