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**Edward, Yorkville working together  
to address healthcare needs of growing community**

(Naperville, Ill. – October 9, 2006) – With an eye toward the future, Edward Health Ventures, a subsidiary of Edward Hospital & Health Services in Naperville, is under contract to purchase about 92 acres of property in Yorkville at the intersection of Routes 71 and 126.

Edward submitted a re-zoning application for the property to the United City of Yorkville Friday, October 6, with initial plans calling for a 15,000 square foot healthcare center including physician offices and outpatient services. The center would open in 2008 pending work with, and approval by, the United City of Yorkville.

“Yorkville is an important community for Edward,” says **Bill Kottmann**, President of Edward Health Ventures. “We’ve had many requests from our current Edward customers who live in the area to bring more services closer to them.”

“This is an exciting time for Yorkville, but it also comes with an obligation to ensure we’re providing the services to meet the needs of our residents,” says **Art Prochaska**, Mayor of Yorkville. “Quality healthcare is one of those absolute necessities and we’re excited to work with Edward as they expand their presence in the southern part of our community.”

As for potential expansion beyond the initial outpatient center, Kottmann says, “Having that much land positions us well for the future as the population grows. We will work with the City and continue to monitor what healthcare services are needed for the future. The bottom line is that Edward is staying ahead of the curve and being proactive in planning for the healthcare needs of the Yorkville area.” Kottmann also says Edward plans to sell a still-to-be-determined portion of the land.

Figures recently released by Yorkville officials show the city’s population projected to reach 79,000 by 2016. The U.S. Census Bureau reports Kendall County as the third fastest growing county in the country.

“With Edward’s new plans, we’re solidifying the healthcare sector of Yorkville’s economy,” says **Lynn Dubajic**, Executive Director, Yorkville Economic Development Corporation. “We’re adding quality services, jobs for our residents and paychecks that are spent close to home.”

Edward representatives will work with the Yorkville Planning Commission, Economic Development Corporation, City Council and Mayor Prochaska in the coming months to secure the proper zoning, permits and approvals. Development of the site could begin in early 2007.

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