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## Van Buren County Hospital joins MercyOne as an affiliate

**KEOSAUQUA, Iowa; Jan. 30, 2020** – On January 28, the Van Buren County Hospital Board of Trustees announced the approval of a new management relationship with [MercyOne](http://MercyOne.org), one of Iowa’s largest health care systems.

“MercyOne is excited to extend our circle of care to Keosauqua and the surrounding communities,” said Bob Ritz, MercyOne chief executive officer. “The addition of Van Buren County Hospital builds on our vision to set the standard for a personalized and radically convenient system of health services for our patients and the communities we serve.”

“We are looking forward to the positive impact this affiliation will have for our patients and community,” said Lee McIntosh, Van Buren County Hospital board chair.

The affiliation does not involve any sale or exchange of assets, thus allowing the Van Buren County Hospital Board to maintain local governance.

Formed in 1998, MercyOne has grown into one of the state’s largest providers of hospital and related health services, consisting of 420 medical centers, hospitals, clinics and care locations and employing more than 20,000 people.

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### **About Van Buren County Hospital**

Van Buren County Hospital, a simply remarkable hospital that continues to grow in healthcare and technology, as the needs of its patients and the needs of the community grow. As the only hospital in the county, Van Buren County Hospital provides a wide range of medical services patients will need. Their remarkable staff provides around the clock emergency care, lab and radiology services. As well as convenient, affordable, health care through their four rural medical clinics. Van Buren County Hospital and its staff are dedicated to meeting you and your family’s healthcare needs.

### **About MercyOne**

MercyOne is a connected system of health care facilities and services dedicated to helping people and communities live their best life. At more than 20,000 colleagues strong, MercyOne’s care providers and staff make health the highest priority. The system’s clinics, medical centers, hospitals and affiliates are located throughout the state of Iowa and beyond. Headquartered in central Iowa, MercyOne was founded in 1998 through a collaboration between Catholic Health Initiatives (now CommonSpirit Health) and Trinity Health – two of the country’s foremost, not-for-profit Catholic health organizations.