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The Healing Network

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Dear Dr. Reed,

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Let me be the first to welcome you to the area. As doctors, I felt that it would be important for us to connect with each other. I know that moving to a new area and developing a new practice can be difficult as well as frustrating. Costs are rising as fast as the piles of paperwork, laws regarding insurance are changing at a blistering rate, and Federal healthcare reform is in a constant limbo. All of us in the medical profession have these obligatory cargoes strapped on our backs that limit our ability to not only help people, but to save lives.

I didn't come to Leesburg voluntarily nor had I even known that the community existed. On my way to my two-year residency in Atlanta, I was kidnapped by the locals because they had such a desperate need for a doctor. I arrived in Leesburg facing people who had not seen a doctor in over a decade and had experienced a demoralizing trail of the three doctors who failed before my arrival. There were adults with rotting teeth, teenagers bedridden with influenza, and children dying from broken bones and infections. Medical education, prevention, and diagnosis were concepts that these people never had a chance to learn, but it was words like 'uninsured', 'expensive', and 'no' that they were very familiar with. An adult shouldn't have to worry about living past forty five and a child shouldn't have to worry about contracting oral infections after losing their first baby tooth. This lack of medical attention is what drove these people to the point at which they had to take a doctor by force, or risk losing even more of their loved ones.

I stayed in Leesburg in order to help alleviate these tragedies and to create a balanced network of doctors who are strong of heart. All eight of the doctors in this network charge lower fees and also receive nearly half a million dollars in free prescription drugs from pharmaceutical companies. Even the founder of Coca-Cola has given us support by providing medical clinics to perform expensive procedures like bypass surgeries and cancer therapies for patients that can't afford it. The Phoebe-Putney Memorial Hospital has also joined us agreed to treat patients whether they can pay or not. The combined effort of these sources has helped us provide healthcare to the rich, the poor, and the uninsured. Charging normal fees in these areas simply will not work and the three failed practices before us are warning that they never will. It is those fees that add to the pain of this community. Being in the network can be difficult and each day is faced with a new challenge. The infections are twice as worse, twice as painful, and twice as deadly, but that only makes us do our job twice as well. Our efforts have been critical in the healing process of this community, but we are still in need of more doctors with specific concentrations.

We have all sorts of specialists for advanced procedures, but none for orthopedics. Broken bones, tendonitis, and carpal tunnel are routine conditions that do not have an orthopedic specialist to treat them properly. As a skilled orthopedic specialist, I invite you to join our network of dedicated professionals. If you join our team, treating these people will grow you skills as a doctor and your heart as a person. All of the resources that we have pooled thus far will provide you with everything that you need in order to help save the lives of the young, the old, the rich, and the poor. You will no longer need to pull your cargo alone.

I'm asking you to join us in this fight for human life, Dr. Reed.

I will call you in a few days to make sure that you've received my letter and thought this over.

Sincerely,

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