

Renfrew Victoria Hospital

January 23, 2007

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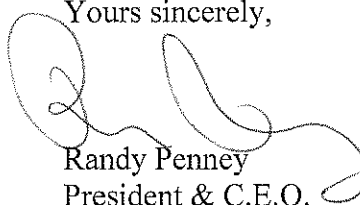
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Thank you for taking the time to consider the needs put forth in this report.

Yours sincerely,

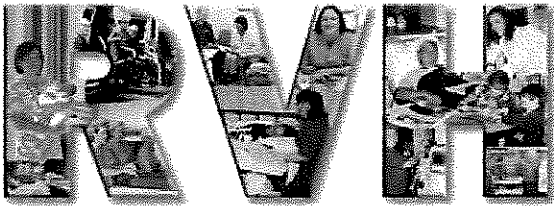


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