



THE CLIENT: CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital

Located in Alexandria, Louisiana, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital (SFCH) is a 293-bed facility employing approximately 1,600 associates and a medical staff of over 324 physicians. SFCH anchors the regional system entity, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Health System, which includes two other managed hospitals and 17 school-based clinics in five parishes in Central Louisiana. The challenge -find a President to provide more direct leadership and operational oversight for SFCH, while connecting with community leaders and stakeholders.



Chris Karam
CEO, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Health System

Chris Karam, Chief Executive Officer of CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Health System was the primary contact with Ivan Bartolome of HealthSearch Partners. He described the need for the newly created position:

“With our region expanding from Northern to Southwestern Louisiana and into Southeast Texas, my responsibilities broadened. It was determined that we needed to split the CEO/President role. We began by looking for a candidate for president with strong ethics that was comfortable within our faith-based culture. We asked ourselves, ‘How do we look like the communities we serve?’”

Background and experience were only part of the equation. Karam explained:

“We needed to find someone with just the right balance. We asked HealthSearch Partners to find someone who was mission minded, embraced our core values and had a strong business acumen. Despite the challenges posed by Covid-19 restrictions, Ivan and his team delivered us with an exemplary slate of well-vetted candidates.”



Following a three-month search, Monte Wilson was hired as President of CHRISTUS St. Frances Hospital.

Wilson and HealthSearch’s Bartolome established a 10-year relationship. Wilson commented:

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“For me, there was no trust issue with Ivan. He had followed my career through the years and knew that the position with CHRISTUS St. Frances fit perfectly with my personal values and leadership style. Even with interviews being conducted 100% virtually, the lines of communication were effective. There were no issues or surprises. As a candidate, I wholeheartedly recommend HealthSearch Partners. They are professional, true to their word and diligent in making sure both sides of the search feel comfortable and well represented.”

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