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Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled Opens New Site in N.Tonawanda

October 26, 2015- Today, at 10am Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled held their Ribbon Cutting ceremony for their new site located at 175 Humphrey St, North Tonawanda, NY. They were joined by supporters Congressman Brian Higgins, Senator Robert G. Ortt, and the Mayor of North Tonawanda, Arthur Pappas. Representatives from Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled and community members came to celebrate the opening of the new site.

President and Chief Executive Officer, Mindy Cervoni began the event with a few opening remarks. She said that the site will be dedicated to providing **pre-vocational, day habilitation** and **after-school programming** for those with developmental disabilities in the WNY area. "We chose this site based on the need. We had a waiting list even prior to opening our doors. We are expected to serve about 100 people by the end of this year," said Mindy Cervoni.

Dave Bennett, Store Manager for the Lowes located in Orchard Park, NY, accepted a plaque thanking Lowes and Lowes Heroes for their generous contributions, time, and talents, which have provided materials to support our Outdoor Learning Garden. This Garden will help those we serve gain the life skills necessary for competitive employment.

Congressman Brian Higgins and Senator Robert G. Ortt expressed their appreciation for the Agency's dedication and commitment to people with developmental disabilities. Congressman Higgins shared some history on the supports provided to people with disabilities, and how far we have come. Senator Ortt was happy to welcome Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled to North Tonawanda and is excited about the programs and services that we will offer at the Humphrey Street location. Many of these supports have not been available to families, and individuals in such proximity prior to the opening of this building.

After the ribbon cutting, we hosted a tour of the site. Our guests were able to see program space for current and future services.

Our Mission at Community Services is to provide or obtain services for people with developmental disabilities and their families in Western New York, which will assist in achieving their highest level of independent living, enable their fullest participation in society, ensure that their civil and human rights are protected, and promote their ability to be productive, contributing members of the community.

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**Thank you for supporting
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