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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR ACHIEVE ADULT SOCIAL PROGRAM

Binghamton, NY – ACHIEVE and ACHIEVE’s Agency and Foundation Board of Directors announce a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, April 20th at 3:00 pm for the new ACHIEVE Adult Social Program located at ACHIEVE’s 125 Cutler Pond Road facility.

This project represents a unique integrated setting for both disabled and non-disabled individuals where retirees and others can socialize and participate in activities of their choosing. The program will offer art, music, exercise, computer skills, recreation and daily activities that can be selected by the participants. Attendees will spend 4-7 hours a day at the program with flexibility being offered to meet the scheduling needs of the individuals enrolled and their families, many of whom work during the day and will be relying on ACHIEVE’s Adult Social Program for a safe, fun place for their loved ones.

The transformation of the former manufacturing space to the ACHIEVE Adult Social Program will require a complete renovation of the identified 11,000 square foot space. Once the renovation is complete the space will house new activity rooms built with retractable walls for program flexibility and nursing stations, offices and conference rooms in support of program participants. There will be designated space for ACHIEVE’s Supported Employment Program to provide tools and training to ready individuals with disabilities to work in a competitive environment in our community.

“ACHIEVE is very proud and excited to start construction on our new Adult Social Program. This is an opportunity for our organization to expand the high quality services that we provide to our community while creating new options for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. We are grateful for the incredible support of our local legislators, state agencies and other funders who made this project possible.” said ACHIEVE Acting CEO Amy G. Howard

Sen. Fred Akshar said, “ACHIEVE is an incredible organization and family of professionals dedicated to providing opportunities for fulfillment and success to some of the most vulnerable people in our society. They have my and the entire 52nd Senate District’s thanks for their continued service to our community, which will only grow stronger when this project is completed. My thanks to Empire State Development and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities for their commitment to this worthy cause as well. I’m proud to have also been able to secure an additional \$150,000 in this year’s State Budget to help ACHIEVE complete these much needed renovations and expansions. I feel that we as a community and a society have a fundamental and moral obligation to take care of people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities. It’s just the right thing to do.”

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Friday, April 20th at 3:00pm, and speakers will include: ACHIEVE Acting CEO Amy Howard; Senator Fred Akshar; Assemblyman Clifford Crouch; Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo; Broome County Executive Jason Garner; Supervisor, Town of Dickinson, Michael Marinaccio; Deputy Director OPWDD Ann Marie Peterson; Southern Tier Regional Director, Empire State Development, Donna Howell; ACHIEVE Foundation Board Chairman Jeff Lake and ACHIEVE Board of Directors President Ellen Feldman.

ACHIEVE’S Mission: As a chapter of The Arc New York, Inc. it is the mission of ACHIEVE to advocate for an enhanced quality of life through skill advancement, inclusion, integration, and independence of persons with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities through services provided in Broome, Chenango and Tioga Counties.

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