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I am very happy to share with you that the capital campaign to renovate Providence Center's Jean Bradbury Building (JBB) was a great success! Hundreds of caring people, businesses and foundations donated more than \$2.1 million in order to ensure that our participants continue to receive the best possible care and support that Providence Center provides. These renovations will positively impact the lives of those we serve for generations to come. Thank you for the important part you play in allowing us to continue our mission of service to adults with developmental disabilities.

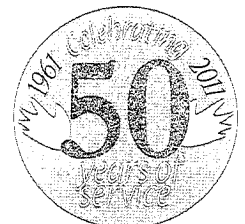
With the capital campaign officially coming to a close, we will begin the renovations by the end of the year – most likely beginning in October. We have worked very closely with our architects, contractors, state officials, emergency personnel, staff, and all of our stakeholders to make this a success and have the renovations further enhance the programs and services Providence Center provides. We will continue to work closely with all those who are involved in the renovations, including the entire Providence Center family, to keep you informed and updated as the process moves forward.

The renovations will include:

- Modernizing JBB, our oldest program site, to make it a state-of-the-art facility that best meets the needs of those we serve;
- Installing bathrooms with adaptive features, automating doorways, installing handrails and special flooring for our visually impaired participants;
- Improving the structure to repair cracked walls, installing energy-efficient features such as windows and doors, and full spectrum lighting to remove ballast noise that is disruptive to those diagnosed with autism and other similar disabilities;
- Adding a sensory room, a Snoezelen room, a training kitchen, a modernized and centrally located nursing suite;
- Expanding program areas so that more individuals can participate in more programs at JBB.

The renovations will be done in two phases. Each phase is projected to be completed in 4 – 6 months, with the full renovations projected to be complete in 10 – 12 months.

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Because JBB has abundant program space available, we have closely studied ways to minimize any disruptions to the participants that attend programs there during the renovations. We have worked closely with Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Anne Arundel County Fire Marshall, Maryland's Office of Health Care Quality, Service Coordination, and all other applicable officials to find the best solution for our participants during the process. After careful review, we are pleased to say that there will be little to no disruption in services at JBB. We will be able to safely continue to serve individuals at JBB during the renovations and employ our full staffing levels. While there will be active construction during some program hours, we are working diligently to minimize its effects on our participants, programs, and services. We will have a barrier wall separating our staff and participants from the construction site and workers. We feel confident that we have and will continue to take the most effective measures to keep our participants and staff safe and our programs operating within the building throughout the renovation process.

Providence Center will be instituting a communications system to keep you regularly informed about the renovations at JBB. This will include written communications and a page on our website (www.providencecenter.com) to keep you "in the loop" during each step of the process.

I hope that you share my gratitude for everyone that has worked so hard to make this a reality, and for the benefits that will soon be realized when we unveil the new Jean Bradbury Building in the near future. This project is about much more than just a building. This project is about improving the lives of those we serve by providing the best programs and services possible today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your attention and please do not hesitate to contact me or your program director for any further information.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Coble', written in a cursive style.

Chuck Coble
Executive Director