

## **News Release**

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# NCDHHS and Trillium Health Resources Investing \$3.9 Million to Launch Year-Round Respite Program at Victory Junction

Media Invited to Check Presentation Ceremony Featuring State and Local Leaders

**RANDLEMAN, N.C.** – Victory Junction, in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and Trillium Health Resources, is inviting media to attend a \$3.9 million check presentation ceremony that will announce the launch of *Henry's House Program*, a year-round respite care program that will serve children ages 6 to 16 living with complex medical and physical needs, intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), Autism, and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

The ceremony will be attended by state and local leaders and will take place Tuesday, July 29, 6:20 to 7 p.m. inside Adam's Race Shop at Victory Junction, 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman N.C. See separately attached agenda.

### Media Instructions:

<u>Confirm attendance by Monday, July 29, at 12 p.m.</u> with Michael Cottingham, Chief Marketing Officer at Victory Junction via email: <a href="mailto:mcottingham@victoryjunction.org">mcottingham@victoryjunction.org</a></u>

## Attending media should arrive at 5:45 p.m. to check in and set up.

Upon arrival, enter through Camp's main entrance (gate 1 beside water tower that looks like a hot air balloon), drive to the Welcome Center, and staff will direct you from there.

#### About the Program:

Henry's House Program will be offered at Victory Junction's medically safe, fully accessible campus in Randleman, N.C., with services set to begin in 2026. NCDHHS and Trillium Health Resources are investing a combined \$3.9 million to fund program development and delivery:



- \$1,516,000 from NCDHHS, through its Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Services and the Division of Child and Family Well-Being
- \$2,400,000 from Trillium Health Resources

"Henry's House at Victory Junction will provide a safe, joyful, and inclusive space for children and a much-needed respite option for families and caregivers," said NCDHHS DMH/DD/SUS Director Kelly Crosbie, MSW LCSW. "Increasing access to services is a top priority for the state. Henry's House will make it easier for families to receive support and treatment in their community."

"This is not just another facility—it's a promise to families that they are not alone," said Yvonne Copeland, NCDHHS DCFW Director. "Creating additional services and programs that allow caregivers and family members to receive a break are necessary to ensure the best possible outcome for their children and loved ones receiving care."

Henry's House Program will offer short-term overnight respite care designed to provide children with enriching camp-style activities and social connection while their caregivers receive essential time to rest and recharge. The program will feature:

- Home-like, fully accessible lodging for overnight stays
- Tailored programming for children with I/DD, Autism, and TBI
- Trained respite care teams and onsite medical support
- Opportunities for independence, exploration, and play
- A safe, inclusive environment grounded in community and compassion

"For over 20 years, Victory Junction has created fun, life-changing moments for children living with complex medical and physical needs," said Chad Coltrane, CEO of Victory Junction. "The Henry's House Program will build on our abilities to make an even larger impact by offering rest, adventure, and comfort to kids and their families or caregivers when they need it most."

The program is expected to serve over 150 respite experiences for children and families annually, operating alongside Victory Junction's traditional year-round programming, which includes summer camps, spring and fall weekend sessions, partner programs, and hospital outreach.

"This partnership reflects our shared commitment to reimagining care for children with different abilities," said Cindy Ehlers, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer at Trillium Health Resources. "Henry's House is a model for what investments in family-centered, community-based support can look like."

Trillium has named the program in honor of a young boy named Henry, whose resilience inspires support for children living with complex needs and their families/caregivers. This marks the second Henry's House Program funded by Trillium, following a similar respite program announced in June 2025 with Easterseals PORT Health in Burgaw, N.C.

#### ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES

Trillium Health Resources is an innovative health plan for individuals with serious behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injury in 46 counties in North Carolina. Through contracts with NCDHHS, we serve Medicaid members on the Tailored Plan and NC Medicaid Direct, state-funded recipients who are uninsured, and members on the Innovations Waiver. Trillium's mission is transforming lives and building community well-being through partnership and proven solutions. We take an integrated approach to health and wellbeing, coordinating care across multiple systems to achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care and efficient use of resources. Trillium is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of the individuals and communities we serve, and remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.TrilliumHealthResources.org">www.TrilliumHealthResources.org</a>.

## **About Victory Junction**

Victory Junction is a year-round camp for children living with complex medical and physical conditions. Founded by Kyle Petty and family in honor of his son Adam, Victory Junction provides life-changing experiences that are exciting, fun and empowering in a medically safe environment – always free of charge, thanks to the generosity of donors and corporate partners. Victory Junction programming is designed to build confidence and foster independence, helping children, families, and caregivers find belonging and build skills that fuel their journeys far beyond Camp. In addition to onsite sessions, Victory Junction's OUTREACH program delivers Camp experiences to children in hospitals, clinics, and community partner sites throughout the Carolinas and Virginia. Since opening in 2004, Victory Junction has provided more than 139,000 experiences to children from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and four countries. Victory Junction is a member of the SeriousFun Children's Network, founded by Paul Newman, and is accredited by the American Camp Association. To learn more, please visit victoryjunction.org.

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