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Trillium Announces Opening of Henry's House with Easterseals PORT Health

Facility will provide a safe, supportive respite haven for children with developmental disabilities, autism, and TBI

- Trillium Health Resources awarded Easterseals PORT Health $2,000,000 to renovate an existing facility to create Henry's House for the well-being of children and families.
- Henry's House is located in Burgaw in Pender County, NC.
- Facility will have accommodations for short overnight stays, staff trained in trauma-informed care, structured activities, in a supported and sensory-aware environment.

BURGAW, NC: After months of planning, renovation and collaboration, Henry's House is ready to serve youths and caregivers across North Carolina. Easterseals PORT Health (ESPH) held a special Open House Celebration today in collaboration with Trillium Health Resources. As part of National Caregivers Month, this is especially meaningful to honor the people who provide compassionate care to their loved ones.

Henry's House provides respite care for children ages 6 to 21 with developmental disabilities and other complex needs. While primary caregivers have an opportunity to rest and recharge, participants will enjoy fun activities tailored to their interests and abilities. Henry's House features six single occupancy bedrooms and pending availability, participants can also bring their siblings. Henry's House is currently accepting applications to schedule up to six consecutive days of therapeutic respite services.

"Henry's House was designed to meet a critical need for caregivers who provide around-the-clock care for children," said Liz Hill, Senior Vice President of Easterseals PORT Health's Home & Community Based Services. "We're excited for the community to see this beautiful home and learn how it will support youths with complex needs while creating opportunities for meaningful respite for caregivers."

Henry's House was generously funded by a $2 million gift from Trillium. "We believe every caregiver deserves support and every child deserves a place where they feel welcomed and understood," said Cindy Ehlers, Chief Strategy and Innovations Officer for Trillium. "Henry's House will provide peace of mind for caregivers and engaging experiences for youths."

The name Henry's House is a tribute to Henry and his family, whose journey inspired a vision for expanded respite services for young people with disabilities and complex needs. Henry House serves as a reminder that a full-circle of caring also means supporting the dedicated caregivers who provide for and walk alongside them each and every day.

Visitors attending the Open House Celebration had the opportunity to tour the home, learn about respite services, meet the care team, and see firsthand how the home is lovingly designed to support youths with complex needs.

For more information: https://eastersealsport.com/henrys-house/

Henry's House will also host a Family Fest on Wednesday, November 18 from 3 – 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend to enjoy activities, crafts, snacks, and tours of the new facility. Please visit their website for more information.

FAQ:
Q: How do I get a referral to Henry's House?
A: Parents, guardians, or care managers can complete applications from this web page to request respite services at Henry's House.

Q: How long can my child stay at Henry's House? Are family members allowed to stay as well?
A: Children and youth can stay at Henry's House for up to six consecutive days. Additional spaces for other family members depends on availability.

Q: What kinds of diagnoses does Henry's House specialize in?
A: Henry's House is equipped to serve children and youth with autism disorder, intellectual/developmental disabilities, or traumatic brain injury.

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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 www.TrilliumHealthResources.org.

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