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Villa of Hope celebrates “Open for Recovery”- the grand opening of the Gregory E. Polisseni Living Hope Treatment Center

Rochester, NY – Thursday, November 10, 2022, Villa of Hope will celebrate “Open for Recovery,” the grand opening ribbon cutting event of their brand-new facility in Greece, NY, “Gregory E. Polisseni Living Hope Treatment Center.”

The first-of-its-kind facility in the region, Living Hope Treatment Center, will serve community youth starting at age 16 and adults who need direct access to medically supervised inpatient withdrawal and stabilization services. The staff is specialized to support those suffering from mild to moderate withdrawal coupled with situational crisis (i.e., unstable living environments or inability to detox independently without withdrawal complications). With the increasing number of overdoses and deaths due to substance abuse, Villa of Hope is proud to provide groundbreaking and life-changing opportunities for adolescents and adults to find hope, recover, and rebuild their lives through specialized treatment recovery programs.

The treatment center offers short-term (5-7 days) medical inpatient treatment 24 hours/7 days per week, focusing on physically stabilizing patients who stop using alcohol or other drugs. The people served will be provided structured, around-the-clock treatment under the watchful care of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician’s assistants, nurses, clinical aides, and substance use disorder therapists. To support their recovery, patients will access various services throughout Villa of Hope’s continuum of care, including counseling, care management, and workforce development. Highlighted services include:

- In 2023, the Villa will open its second integrated outpatient clinic that will eliminate barriers for patients leaving the treatment center to continue their Medication Assisted Treatment.
- For young adults transitioning from the treatment center, they can be eligible our Living in Freedom Early (LIFE) House program – the only residential rehabilitation services provider in our region. LIFE House is an all-gender program providing evidence-based practices, structured groups, individual sessions, family sessions addressing life skills, vocational educational planning, on-site school, relapse prevention, and psychiatric and physical health.

“Individuals and families seeking help should not have to travel outside Monroe County to find it. We need to eliminate barriers and stigma to get people the help they need – when and where they need it. Drugs are killing our friends, neighbors, and young people – they are killing our communities. We all need to step up and take on this challenge.” — **Christina Gullo, President/CEO of Villa of Hope**



The Living Hope Treatment Center was made possible with funding from The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (NYS OASAS). OASAS provided more than \$4 million in capital funding for this project and is also supporting the program with \$540,000 in annual operational funding. In addition, Villa of Hope has received continued support from Monroe County Department of Public Health who has supported the project since the beginning of the planning process. Villa of Hope is grateful to partner with OASAS and Monroe County to serve adolescents and adults struggling with substance use in Monroe County and the Finger Lakes Region.

“Helping people stabilize and manage their withdrawal from substance use disorders is an important part of the continuum of addiction care. It is often the first step for many people in their journey to becoming healthier.” **OASAS Commissioner Chinazo Cunningham** said. *“The opening of this new program continues our efforts to meet the needs of people across New York State and provide them the help and resources they need to live healthier lives.”*

“Addiction is a disease -- a medical illness -- and we should treat it with the same care and compassion. This is especially important for young adults, because treatment can potentially prevent a lifetime of addiction and the unintended consequences addiction inflicts on loved ones, families, workplaces and communities. This new facility helps fill a void in our region, and gives those who are suffering a chance to thrive.” — **Dr. Michael Mendoza, Monroe County Commissioner of Public Health**

If you or a loved one needs support and could utilize services at Villa of Hope, please visit our website at www.villaofhope.org/i-need-help or call (585) 581-HOPE.

Villa of Hope is grateful for generous donations from individual donors and businesses to continue our work. For those interested in supporting our work, please visit our website at villaofhope.org.

Full press release and media kit are available for media use at 11 am on November 10. To view press materials and to learn more about the grand opening event, please visit villaofhope.org/livinghope/ or contact Kristen Lopez, Marketing & Public Relations Manager, Villa of Hope, at (585)504-9212.

About Villa of Hope

Villa of Hope is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is to partner with individuals, families, and communities to Rebuild relationships, Recover potential, and Renew hope for the future. With a vision to advance equity by transforming the social foundations of our neighbors and elevating lifelong health outcomes for our community, Villa of Hope has been serving the Rochester community since 1942.

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