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GRODEN NETWORK'S COVE CENTER OPENS NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME

The six bedroom group home is the newest home for people with developmental disabilities in the state.

East Providence, RI – Thursday, November 2, 2006... Today at a ribbon cutting ceremony, officials from the Groden Network, Rhode Island Housing, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of East Providence opened the State of Rhode Island's newest home for people with developmental disabilities, in East Providence, RI.

The Cove Center Residential Program's new home will house six adult residents with developmental disabilities. The new home is fully accessible and fully sprinkled. The residents will live cooperatively together, sharing shopping, cooking and cleaning tasks. In addition the tenants will share common space areas, such as the laundry room, living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast nook and a guest bathroom.

"The house is ideally located, allowing the residents independence with access to public transportation for work, as well as nearby shopping and entertainment venues," said Dr. June Groden, Co-Director of the Groden Network. "This project has been in the works for sometime and we are grateful to all of our partners here today that made it possible," added Groden.

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"In particular, we want to thank the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rhode Island Housing and the City of East Providence for their financial support. Without these grants, we would not be here today," Dr. Goden concluded.

Funding for the project came from grants awarded by HUD (\$582,992.00), Rhode Island Housing (\$80,000.00) and the City of East Providence's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) (\$50,000.00.)

"HUD is pleased to celebrate the completion of this home for six members of The Groden Center community", said Nancy Smith Greer, Field Office Director. "HUD congratulates The Groden Network for their completion of this important housing resource and thanks the organization for their commitment to providing affordable housing."

The Groden Network is the leading non-profit organization in Rhode Island providing evaluative, therapeutic and educational programs for children and adults with autism and related developmental disabilities. Comprised of the Groden Center, the Cove Center, the Halcyon Center and Kingston Hill Academy, the Network provides services to over 800 clients. The Groden Center provides day, residential and vocational programs for children and adolescents with autism and related developmental disabilities. The Cove Center provides day, residential and vocational programs for adults with developmental disabilities. The Halcyon Center provides residential and vocational support programs for adults in Southeastern Massachusetts. Kingston Hill Academy, a public charter school, is dedicated to the Groden Network's mission of individualized learning plans for all students.

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