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## Kennedy-Donovan Center announces opening of Day Habilitation Program

Kennedy-Donovan Center announces the opening of a Day Habilitation (Day Hab) program in New Bedford. The program is scheduled to open on July 7, 2008 and will be located at the Kennedy-Donovan Center building on the corner of County and Hawthorn streets.

The Day Habilitation program provides a comprehensive managed program of therapies, developmental skills training and assistance with activities of daily living in the context of a supportive, caring environment to adults with developmental disabilities in New Bedford and the surrounding towns. If you know anyone who would benefit from the Day Hab program, please call Kennedy-Donovan Center at (508) 997-1757 and ask for program director, Kathleen Healey. An announcement of an Open House for the Day Hab program will be made over the summer.

"The opening of the Day Hab program has been in response to parents of students, graduating at the age of 22 from our Chapter 766 School, looking for alternatives for their sons and daughters still in need of crucial therapeutic services," commented Kevin Rodman Conare, President and CEO of Kennedy-Donovan Center. "We are excited to be starting this program which will continue the quality of services that KDC is known for in the greater New Bedford area and beyond."

Currently, the program has a Wish List of items. This list includes: kitchen items such as silverware, bowls, platters, pans, dishes and cookware, along with a food processor, mixer and blender. Exercise equipment such as a treadmill and stationary bicycle(s). Musical instruments including guitars, shakers, tambourines and bells, computer games, Dover brand coloring books, washable markers, colored pencil sets, classic literature books, simple boxed games and simple adult puzzles. A television, DVD and CD player, music CD's and age appropriate DVD's would be welcomed. In addition, helpful items would include framed posters, hanging silk plants and an aquarium with goldfish. If you would like to donate any of these items, please call 508-997-1757.

Kennedy-Donovan Center is a community-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization providing human services to nearly 5,000 individuals and families with developmental delays and disabilities throughout eastern and south central Massachusetts. For more information on the Kennedy-Donovan Center Day Habilitation Program please contact us at (508) 997-1757 or visit our website at [www.kdc.org](http://www.kdc.org).

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