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Kennedy-Donovan Center to Celebrate Renovation and Upgrades with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Attleboro – On Wednesday, June 12th at 10:00 am, Kennedy-Donovan Center will celebrate the completed renovation of its Program Center located at 25 Forest Street, Attleboro with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Our Attleboro Program Center services include: Early Intervention for children birth to three, Healthy Families for first-time teenage parents, and Family Support for families in crisis who have a child with a developmental disability living at home. This location is a busy center as it serves nearly 900 families per year.

Kennedy-Donovan Center has occupied the space since 2000, purchasing it in 2007. Over the past 18 months, renovations, both inside and out, have been completed. The new expanded space includes open, bright Early Intervention group space, a parent's meeting room, a large, well-equipped conference center and more functional office space for employees. Funds to support the renovations were raised from donations by generous gifts from KDC's Board of Directors, several local foundation and businesses, including the Fred M. Roddy Foundation, Helen Ray Biggane Trust, Bristol County Savings Foundation, Friends of St. Patrick, as well as close friends, community members and several local events.

Kevin Rodman Conare, President & CEO, commented, "We are moved by the support received from the community and local businesses who identified with the importance of creating a usable, expanded space for the families we serve. Early Intervention and Health Families are two critical programs that help children to reach their cognitive, emotional, physical and social developmental milestones. With this improved space, we are better able to achieve those goals. KDC's ability to offer more community programming, improved play groups for children, and an effective office space for our therapists and home visitors would not have been possible without the generosity of the community." In Early Intervention, program staff needed therapies for children to nurture children's development and teach parents how to support their child's healthy development. Healthy Families help young mothers and fathers to successfully meet the medical, developmental and care needs of their children from pregnancy until their third birthday. Intensive Family Support allows for intensive short-term case management for families who are in crisis and have a child with developmental disabilities living at home.

Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC) is a non-profit human service agency dedicated to supporting individuals and families with developmental disabilities and similar needs to reach their maximum potential and quality of life through advocacy and individualized services. KDC offers a wide range of direct and supportive community-based services to more than 5,000 individuals and families from over 160 communities in Massachusetts.

For more information on services, contact Kennedy-Donovan Center at www.kdc.org or phone Ann Buono, VP of Development and Public Relations at 508-772-1215.

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