

SRVS RENOVATION EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FUTURE FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

SRVS staff and guests celebrated an historic milestone in providing services to people with disabilities on March 25 when it kicked-off the future renovation of a new building located at 3971 Knight Arnold Road in Memphis. The capital expansion project, called the Building Dreams Campaign, will more than double program and support space and provide state-of-the-art facilities for more people with disabilities in the Mid-South community.

Nearly 400 guests attended the “groundbreaking” Renovation Party hosted by SRVS which included a reception and inside tour of the new building. “This is a special time in SRVS history,” said Jeffrie Bruton, SRVS executive director. “With the completion of this building, we will be able to help many families in our community who have loved ones with disabilities yet no access to the proper resources to take care of their child, parent, sister or brother.”

Along with Bruton, the renovation ceremony featured Mayor AC Wharton, chairman of the board John Barzizza, Greater Memphis Chamber vice-president of member development John Duncan, Mattie McSwine, a SRVS parent whose daughter attends SRVS Day Center, the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard and SRVS staff.

At \$6.2 million to complete, the Building Dreams Campaign will provide a Day Center with new classrooms, art and music rooms, a training kitchen and model apartment; Clinical Services which will increase physical, occupational and nutritional therapies as well as nursing services and behavior supports; and a Family Resources Library which will enhance essential support services to family members. As of April 2011, approximately 75% of the \$6.2 million has been committed for the renovation. “We are grateful to have the support of the City of Memphis as well as many community partners, corporations and foundations in this project,” said Barzizza. “I would like to especially recognize the City of Memphis for their generous contribution of \$1,061,000, The Plough Foundation (\$500,000), Assisi Foundation (\$500,000), our SRVS Board of Directors (\$500,000), First Tennessee Foundation (\$250,000), FedEx Corporation (\$100,000), the SRVS Family and Friends Association (\$100,000) and AutoZone.

SRVS board and staff also acknowledged the following partners who were instrumental in the planning stages of the campaign: Arnoult and Associates, Inc., Fisher and Arnold, Inc., and Montgomery Martin Contractors, LLC.

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