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## ANDERSON CENTER FOR AUTISM HOSTS GRAND OPENING OF VILLAGE CENTER FACILITY

**STAATSBURG, NY** (November 10, 2010) – Anderson Center for Autism proudly hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house to celebrate the grand opening of the Village Center, a multi-purpose building situated in the heart of the Anderson campus.

The Village Center, whose construction began in January 2009, completes the second phase of a three phase construction plan on the Anderson campus. The new facility is a beautiful, multi-purpose building containing office space, conference rooms, garage bays, storage areas, and two family visiting centers.

The family visiting centers are critical to family members who travel a distance to visit their child right, providing a private, comfortable setting to relax and spend quality time doing regular activities with their child on campus. The centers have a kitchenette, dining area, living room area, bathroom, and entertainment center, with all furnishings funded by a grant from the Hudson Valley Autism Society.

“As a parent of a student here at Anderson, I can tell you that the rooms is a great way for us to spend family time together,” said Nicole Bronzi, Hudson Valley Autism Society board member. “I am pleased to say that Hudson Valley Autism Society helped furnish the rooms because I know we’re helping families directly affected by autism – I’m one of them.”

Anderson Center received a grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area (RMHCNYTSA). This \$20,565 grant funded the all-weather seating for the courtyard of the Village Center and new playground equipment for the campus.

“We are so excited about all of the worthwhile programs that we are able to fund this year,” said Gerald McCoy, President of RMHC-New York Tri-State Area Chapter. “It is wonderful to partner with non-profit organizations who are continuously working to better the community and support programs that benefit children.”

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Another benefit the Village Center provides is vocational training opportunities for students. The storage areas stock items that campus homes use on a daily basis. Through the vocational training program, students work with job coaches to learn the skills of sorting, restocking and delivering supplies to homes on campus, teaching real-life job skills.

“Our Village Center is a wonderful facility that benefits our students, families, staff, and the community at large in so many ways,” said Neil Pollack CEO/executive director for Anderson Center for Autism. “This could not have happened without the support of partners in our community and we thank them for their continued support.”



***About Anderson Foundation***

In 1924, Anderson began serving children with special needs in an integrated environment that addressed their educational, emotional and social needs. Today, Anderson continues this approach through three corporations: Anderson Foundation for Autism, Anderson Center for Autism and Anderson Center Services. Anderson serves more than 200 children and adults with a primary diagnosis of autism with our LIFE LONG LEARNING<sup>SM</sup> philosophy. For more information about Anderson, please visit [www.ACenterforAutism.com](http://www.ACenterforAutism.com) or call 845/889.4034.

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