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Family-Owned Center for those with Disabilities Opens Office in New Albany

Bridges of Indiana celebrate with grand opening celebration

NEW ALBANY, Ind. (September 24, 2015) - Bridges of Indiana celebrated the opening of their new location with a ribbon cutting on Thursday, September 24th. The event was attended by State Representative Ed Clere; Economic Development Business Coordinator for City of New Albany, Tonya Fischer; the public; One Southern Indiana (1si) staff and Ambassadors. Founded in 2000, Bridges of Indiana provides individuals with disabilities the necessary skills and services to live, learn and work where they choose within the community. This office, which will serve individuals in Southern Indiana, brings Bridges of Indiana's total of locations in Indiana to 10. Bridges of Indiana employs 1,500 staff members statewide, and has hopes of bringing between 70-100 jobs to the area with the opening of the New Albany location.

The mission of Bridges of Indiana is to ensure that all people with disabilities have the same "rights, dignity, and freedom" as everyone else. With two administrators and two direct care staff, Bridges of Indiana serves their clients with innovative care techniques, such as music and art therapy and commits itself to providing state-of-the-art quality care with a clear line of communication with those they serve. Bridges of Indiana also plans to be a good corporate citizen in New Albany, its community and local charities such as Autism Speaks.

About Bridges of Indiana:

In August of 2000, Peggy Burlison, a parent to a child with a disability, founded Bridges of Indiana. Armed with a firm commitment to home and community based services coupled with a unique perspective on how these services should be delivered, the agency was established and Peggy's vision became a reality. As the need for quality based home services increased, Bridges of Indiana expanded its own style of service to many other individuals throughout Indiana. Almost thirteen years later, Peggy has passed the torch onto her son, Johnathan, who has continued his mother's legacy by using his military and business background to expand the business across 65 counties in Indiana. Services are provided Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-9p.m. so that Bridges of Indiana service providers are available during the hours most

need by those they serve. To learn more about Bridges of Indiana, contact Kendra Hunt at [812-258-9827](tel:812-258-9827) or at kendrahunt@bridges.us.

About One Southern Indiana:

One Southern Indiana (1si) was formed in July of 2006 as the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development organization serving Clark and Floyd Counties. 1si's mission is to provide the connections, resources and services that help businesses innovate and thrive in the Southern Indiana/Louisville metro area.

Since its inception, the organization has evolved to include a three-prong approach to serve its members and investors. Business Resources, as the chamber side of the organization, encompasses membership, signature events and programs which support and encourage business growth; Economic Development works to grow the regional economy through the attraction of new commerce and assists with retention and expansion of existing businesses; Advocacy supports businesses at the government level by engaging in the initiatives to preserve, protect and promote a business friendly environment free of obstacles to growth and development of commerce. For more information on One Southern Indiana: www.1si.org.



Above, the ceremonial ribbon is cut at the Bridges of Indiana's newest location. Bridges of Indiana, a company dedicated to the betterment of those with disabilities, is located at 3602 Northgate Court, Suite 3 in New Albany.