

Children's Friend Expands With a Move to Larger Headquarters Facility

The move will allow Children's Friend to extend its programs and serve a growing number of North Shore families

Salem, MA – May 22, 2006. Children's Friend, the North Shore's oldest provider of child and family counseling and related support services, today announced that it has signed an agreement for a new 11,000 square foot facility at 112 Boston Street in Salem.

The new facility is significantly larger than the current headquarters on Bridge Street, where Children's Friend has been located for the past 50 years. The new offices offer a modern infrastructure to support the technologies that Children's Friend requires in the delivery of the innovative care it delivers.

"We are pleased to have found a new headquarters, which is both more easily accessible to our clients and offers us the opportunity to expand the programs we can offer to families that we serve in Salem and in the surrounding areas," said Steve Schaffer, executive director of Children's Friend. "In our new location, we will remain in Salem – our home for over 160 years – but will enable us to extend our reach to a larger number of families who need our services."

The move to the new facility will take place over the next year. Beginning in the spring of 2007, services will begin to be rolled out in the new location. As a result of the move, Children's Friend is planning to offer several new services over the next two years.

Dr. Jack Simons, PhD – Children's Friend vice president of program planning and evaluation – noted, "We look forward to having additional space available to respond more effectively to the growing demand for our services."

About Children's Friend and Family Services

Children's Friend is a private, nonprofit organization committed to providing innovative, community-based counseling and related support services for youth in Essex County. Children's Friend serves more than 5,000 children and family members each year through a variety of programs and services available at our Salem center and offices in Lynn, Ipswich, Gloucester, Salisbury, Lawrence and Haverhill. The licensed mental health professionals, mentors, volunteers and staff at Children's Friend are dedicated to delivering innovative care that meets the evolving needs of the communities it serves. For more information, please visit www.childrensfriend.net.

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