

Employment Horizons begins 22,000-square-foot annex project

HANOVER TWP. - Employment Horizons (EH), a not-for-profit agency that provides employment services for people with disabilities, is building for the future with a groundbreaking ceremony at 10 a.m. today, May 1, for the organization's building campaign to add a 22,000-square-foot annex onto its existing facility at 10 Ridgedale Ave.

State Senate President Richard Codey, D-Essex, will speak, as will Jurate Fiory, EH executive director, and Nancy Delaney, president of the agency's board of trustees.

Serving more than 550 individuals with special needs each year, EH has been forced to turn away an ever-increasing number of individuals seeking their services due to its space limitations. Maria Verducci-Florio, Capital Campaign director, explained the primary imperatives for the agency's expansion: "to meet the needs of an escalating number of people with disabilities, enhance existing programs and introduce new training units to prepare our participants for the changing demands of the 21st century job market."

Additional factors include the need for a larger warehouse, to accommodate additional and larger fulfillment center contracts which provide employment for vocational rehabilitation participants, and a cafeteria for the agency-based program participants to enjoy breaks and lunch together.

Sal Iannaccone, a longtime agency advocate and professional engineer, is serving pro bono as the building's general contractor. Significant "in-kind" donations from the construction industry have greatly advanced

the initial stages of building.

Fiory said the May 1 ceremony will "kick-off the public phase of the Capital Campaign as well as celebrate the vision and dedication of on-going Partners-in-Mission."

To learn more about EH, its programs for people with developmental, physical and/or mental health challenges or its business services for business customers, visit the agency's Web site at www.emhorizons.org or contact Patricia Braun, director of advancement, at (973) 538.8822, ext. 215, or pbraun@ehorizons.org.





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