

Press Release

Friends of Cyrus opens a 9,000 foot Day Program for adults with developmental disabilities in Medford, NJ.

Medford, NJ – (Friends of Cyrus – November 11, 2019) - Friends of Cyrus (FOC), a New Jersey based service provider for adults with developmental disabilities, is excited to announce the opening of a sunny 9,000 foot Day Habilitation program, located in Medford, NJ. The building sits on 10 full acres of land and is located at 175 Tuckerton Rd.

Led by a highly experienced and passionate team, including Board Certified Behavior Analysts, FOC's team conducts individualized assessments and plans for each participant, working with individuals and their family members every step of the way. Programmatic goals will focus on basic living skills, communication, community participation, pre-vocational skill development, supported employment and much more.

FOC's Medford site will build on the success of its sister agency - Lifetime with Cyrus' day program, which opened its doors in 2016 in Delanco, NJ. According to Kamelia Kameli, the agency's Co-Founder and CEO, FOC's programming is designed to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in living meaningful and self-determined lives.

"Friends of Cyrus is a place of hope. It's a place of love, joy and laughter." Kameli says, "what I'm most excited about is being able to serve more individuals, and offer more creative programs including pre-vocational and supported employment opportunities. We are here to support our participants to contribute and enjoy becoming active, productive and valued members of the community. I know this site will become a haven for growth and opportunity for our population in South Jersey."



With evidence based programming based on AFLS (The Assessment of Functional Living Skills), the Medford site will boast a variety of workshops offering targeted, skills based training. In addition to the broad areas listed above, these will include computer training, money management skill building, cooking, arts and crafts, music, fitness, gardening and much more. "The site will also become the homebase for various community based activities - we'll be venturing out all over the place!" says Jessica Mulhern, FOC's acting executive director. "I

couldn't be more proud of our entire team for making this happen," Kameli says. "It has been a collaborative effort all the way through - from executive management to the direct support professionals. Everyone has had a role in our success. I am eternally grateful for my team's selfless dedication to our individuals and to our organization."

About Friends of Cyrus

Friends of Cyrus opened its doors in 2013. It's sister-agency, Lifetime with Cyrus, opened in 2016. Ever since, the two Co-Founders Kamelia Kameli, CEO and Daren Singhani, Chairman, have been on an unwavering mission; to create a haven of lifetime support options for New Jersey's developmentally disabled residents.

Together, the agencies support over 200 children and adults throughout the state of New Jersey; a combination of community based residences ("group homes"), adult in-home services, adult day habilitation services, children's intensive in home ABA services, and children's clinic based ABA therapy. With the opening of it's Medford Day Program, Friends of Cyrus will expand its prevocational training program significantly, guaranteeing growth oriented opportunities for individuals throughout South Jersey.

Kameli has a 28 year old son named Cyrus who was diagnosed with Autism at an early age. Cyrus is the namesake of both organizations.



