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Transcript:

Governor Christie: I just had the opportunity to meet with some really extraordinary women who are participating in the Mommy and Me initiative, a residential program that helps keep families together by allowing mothers to live with their children during treatment. Studies show that women who can live with their child are more likely to complete their treatment, to abstain from substance abuse going forward, and have higher self esteem and fewer problems with depression, obviously all good things, constructive things. So I commend these women for facing their addiction and taking the next step in dealing with their disease and we need to remember that's exactly what this is and give them the tools to deal with it. I'm not just talking about the commitment to their treatment program but the courage to sit there and tell me their story, share their struggles and in the process I told them they're a source of inspiration for me. It's not an easy thing to do but they are a testament to the fact that when we share our stories we're giving hope to others and we're also changing minds in the process. I want to thank Peg Wright and bring her up here for some remarks. This is a really, really special place and a great program that was many years in the making and I trust is going to continue to expand and grow to help more people address these issues in their lives and it takes some very special people, not only Peg but the folks who work with her every day to be able to commit their lives to helping others restore their own, and that's a pretty great thing to get up every morning and do every day I suspect. So I thank her for letting me come here. I'm happy to make the announcements we've made. We'll have additional announcements in the future about more commitments by the state on this topic, but I want to introduce for some remarks the founder, Peg Wright.

Peg Wright: I cannot tell you how moved I feel at this moment. I want to thank our board of trustees. Governor Christie said it. At the end of the day the staff in my program are what makes it what it is and I thank you all from the bottom of my hearts. Staff is everything. Governor Christie, your staff and Allison Blake and Jen Velez are just extraordinary.

They have supported us every step of the way. Their door is opened. Your platform and your support is unprecedented. For those of us that are on the front lines working in this field every day you don't just talk the talk, you walk the walk, and I'll tell you, it is so refreshing and so exciting, and I just want you to know that my staff, our board, we are behind you every step of the way. We will expand this. We will kill stigma and we will persevere and we will expand these programs because we're totally on your team, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you.

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