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Somerset County Behavioral Health Care Facility Gains 80 New Beds

Trenton, NJ – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today joined the Carrier Clinic in Belle Mead to commemorate the Clinic's recent \$21 million construction and expansion project, which added 40 beds to the Blake Recovery Center, 40 new acute care beds and a new admissions center.

"Institutions such as the Carrier Clinic allow us to remind those suffering from the effects of addiction, either directly or indirectly, that they are not alone. We care and want to help them. And we can help them," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "New Jersey's residents benefit greatly from these services and I look forward to continuing the positive relationship between our administration and the Carrier Clinic."

Carrier Clinic is one of the largest private, not-for-profit behavioral healthcare facilities in New Jersey and specializes in psychiatric and substance abuse addiction treatment. The behavioral health care facility provides in-patient care to more than 5,500 of New Jersey residents, with roughly 300 patients residing on campus at any given time. The Clinic includes specialized units for adolescents, as well as care for seniors suffering from Dementia and Alzheimer's.

"Finding effective, individualized solutions to mental health challenges requires facilities which embody healing properties through design, color, art, light and furnishings, and staff who have wellsprings of compassion and talent to guide complex journeys to recovery," said Donald Parker, President and CEO of the Carrier Clinic. "This, the largest construction project in Carrier's 105-year history will further increase Carrier's capacity to deliver both."

The clinic also operates two group homes for female teenagers experiencing emotional disturbances and sustains two contracts with the State's Division of Mental Health and Addiction services, providing 26 beds that serve as alternatives to state hospital commitment.

More information on the Carrier Clinic's programs is available on its website: <http://carrierclinic.org/>

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