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GOV. CHRISTIE WHITMAN BREAKS GROUND ON SENIORS PAVILION IN ATLANTIC CITY

Governor Christie Whitman today broke ground on the new Herman Pogachefsky Senior Services Pavilion in Atlantic City, which will provide a medical clinic, senior center, adult day care, a library, nutrition programs and other specialized services for Atlantic County's 43,000 senior citizens.

"Today, we're recognizing the values and strengths of our senior population, and putting in place the kind of services that seniors here in Atlantic City can use every day to improve their lives," said Whitman.

The new Herman Pogachefsky Senior Services Pavilion will replace the nearby Jewish Older Adult Services facility, which Whitman visited in August. "After seeing the poor conditions of that building, I promised that I would expedite your funding request for this new facility," Whitman said. "So I am pleased to have fulfilled my promise, and to see it realized in this state-of-the-art facility."

The 11,615 square foot facility will include the Dr. Leonard B. Erber Medical Clinic, the J.G. Rosin Senior Center, adult day care, outreach and support services, a lending library, bookbindery and nutrition programs for seniors. The \$2 million pavilion, which will offer its services to all senior citizens, is being funded by the Beron Jewish Older Adult Services of Atlantic and Cape May Counties, Inc, and the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.

"The services offered in this facility will be complemented by what we've put in place across New Jersey to meet the needs of the 1.4 million men and women in our state who are over the age of 60," said Whitman. The Governor noted that four years ago New Jersey had no assisted living facilities for seniors, while today 40 facilities exist, with 170 more approved for construction. Four years ago, seniors searching for services had to contact four different agencies, while today the Department of Health and Senior Services provides older New Jerseyans with one-stop shopping; and the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled will soon be serving about 4,000 people.

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