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Memo

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To AMHS-KFLA Partners
From Karen Berti, Supervisor
Subject Transformation Update #9

This past Wednesday we celebrated the completion of 35 Lyons Street - a state-of the art care facility designed with accessibility and efficiency features that will reduce our carbon footprint with the incorporation of a geothermal system that will yield 40 per cent savings from that of conventional ones.

Some of you may be aware that this capital project was initiated in 2012, has experienced challenges along the way, and has evolved its size and scope. In joining the Agency seven months ago, a key focus of my attention has been on ensuring these doors open to members of our communities needing specialized rehabilitation.

Receiving occupancy of this building is an achievement that signals AMHS-KFLA's progress in returning to its core mandate with a focus on providing supportive care within housing for our clients.

It is at 35 Lyons St. that each client will have access to their own apartment-style living unit, with wrap around support from our multi-disciplinary care teams to help build skills that will enable them to transition successfully, in their own time, to a more independent living setting. It is here, family members will know their loved ones will be better supported in their recovery journey than in the current residential group home setting.

I am very pleased to share that we have scheduled the move of clients to 35 Lyons Street during the week of September 16th. Client and their families have had the opportunity to visit the building to see their respective apartment unit and are being supported by staff to prepare for the upcoming transition. We look forward to hosting a BBQ with clients and their family members in celebration of this new space and in welcoming the start of this new chapter for our Agency.

A media release and more photos of the ribbon cutting event will be shared in the coming week. In advance, I would like to formally acknowledge the City of Kingston and staff with the Housing and Social Services Department (Sheldon, Ruth and John), who were integral partners to enabling the progress of this project.

It was wonderful to be in the company of partners that were able to join in this celebration, including the following dignitaries that commemorated this success with us: Mayor Bryan Paterson, City of Kingston; Mr. Randy Hillier, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston; Mr. Mark Gerretsen, MP Kingston and the Islands; and Ms. Kate Betts-Wilmott representing Mr. Ian Arthur, MPP Kingston and the Islands.

There is no question that this building is a beautiful legacy for all involved.

