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Welcome Preferred Behavioral Health Group

Wayne Gretzky once said, "Skate to where the puck will be, not where it is now or was a second ago." I couldn't agree with this strategy more, which is why I'm thrilled to announce that Oaks Integrated Care plans to affiliate with Preferred Behavioral Health Group on October 1, 2016. The new partnership will enhance our mission, expand services into Monmouth and Ocean Counties and strengthen our ability to succeed in the changing healthcare environment.

The affiliation unifies two clinically strong, financially healthy organizations with a shared mission of improving the quality of life for individuals and families living with a mental illness, addiction or developmental disability. Together we will strengthen service delivery, advance best practices and maximize efficiencies. Most importantly, the affiliation brings the opportunity for growth, giving more people access to compassionate, quality care.



Bob Pekar, Oaks Integrated Care CEO and Mary Pat Angelini, PBGH CEO

I firmly believe that in today's changing healthcare environment, our future success relies on strategic planning and the strength of state-wide partnerships. Like many other providers across New Jersey, we cannot predict what lies ahead. However, we can create positive change by considering creative, innovative approaches. We must "skate to where the puck will be" to ensure we can continue to help those who desperately need our services.

As an affiliate, Preferred Behavioral Health Group will keep their name and remain an independent company under the leadership of CEO, Mary Pat Angelini, while becoming a member of the Oaks family of services. The affiliation is dependent on the final approval from the State of New Jersey and the organizations' Boards of Trustees.

With a combined budget of 124 million dollars, nearly 200 programs serving 25,000 people and over 2,200 employees, Oaks Integrated Care will emerge as one of New Jersey's most comprehensive human service providers. As always, I sincerely appreciate the support of our Board of Trustees, employees, donors, volunteers and partners throughout this process. Thank you for your willingness to embrace this positive change for our organization and the community at large.

Cheers to the next step in our journey,

Bob Pekar
Chief Executive Officer



EVERY CHILD deserves A GREAT first day of school! Now - August 19

The start of the school year is filled with important questions... Will my best friend be in my class? Did I get the math teacher that I wanted? Will I wear the right outfit? Unfortunately, many children in Oaks Integrated Care programs are faced with much tougher questions. Will I have a new backpack? Will I have enough pencils? Will I have a binder?

With your help, the answer can be YES! Your donation of backpacks stuffed with essential school supplies will give a child the confidence needed to learn and succeed this school year.

Ways to Get Involved

-  **Hold your own backpack drive!** Invite your co-workers, friends and family to help. We will provide you with a complete toolkit to help make your drive a success.
-  Make a monetary donation online at www.oaksintcare.org or by mail in the attached envelope.
-  **Drop off donations** to one of ten convenient drop-off locations listed at www.oaksintcare.org from now until August 19.

Questions? Call 609-267-5928 ext. 99836 or visit www.oaksintcare.org.

DONATION IDEAS:

- ✓ Backpacks
- ✓ Lunchboxes
- ✓ Calculators (solar and scientific)
- ✓ Spiral bound/ composition notebooks
- ✓ Three ring binders with paper
- ✓ Pens, pencils, erasers, pencil cases
- ✓ Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Protractors, rulers
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Pocket folders
- ✓ Index cards
- ✓ Book covers

School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP) to Open in Trenton

We're excited to announce that at the start of the 2016-2017 school year, Oaks will begin providing School Based Youth Services (SBYSP) at Trenton High School. SBYSP provides a variety of health and social services on-site to help students complete their education, obtain skills to lead to continuing education or employment and graduate healthy and drug free.

Core services include mental health services, life skills development, substance abuse counseling, pregnancy prevention, family engagement activities and community referrals. This new program will expand our footprint in Mercer County and provide essential services to children and families right in the heart of Trenton. For more information about SBYSP and other programs visit www.oaksintcare.org.

Community Scrapbook



Oaks employees cheer for a co-worker receiving an award at the Annual Employee Appreciation Breakfast.



Board Member David Gaskin, Oaks President Derry Holland and Chief Development Officer Pamela Collins enjoy their time together at the Annual Employee Appreciation Breakfast



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Project Dress Up a success this year.



Thank you Camden County Employee Connections for holding a prom dress donation drive for Project Dress Up!

Thank you to Tri-State K-9 Crisis Response Team for teaching us all about your programs in our community!



Thank you Daisy Troop is 20606 and the Ft. Berry Woods Service Unit for collecting and donating an SUV full of diapers and other baby items!

BE A HUNGER HERO THIS SUMMER

HUNGER Doesn't Take a VACATION

June 15 – August 31

An estimated 39,000 children in South Jersey are at risk of malnutrition during the summer months when schools' federal breakfast and lunch programs are not available. For many families in our area, summer means a struggle to feed their children healthy, filling meals.



YOU CAN HELP:

- **Run your OWN food drive!** Contact us today to get started.
- **Drop off donations at an Oaks Food Pantry:**
770 Woodlane Road, Suite 16
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
128 Cross Keys Road
Berlin, NJ 08009
- **Too busy to shop?**
Visit www.oaksintcare.org to donate online or use the attached envelope.

Kid-friendly Donation Ideas

Pancake Mix/Syrup	Fruit Snacks
Hot/Cold Cereal	Snack Packs
Granola Bars	Crackers
Pop tarts	Fruit Juice
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Bottled Water
Canned Pasta	Powdered/Canned Milk
Microwavable Meals	Tuna
Raisins	Macaroni & Cheese
Applesauce	



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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

The Bag Project

Imagine being a child removed from your home unexpectedly and having to leave everything behind- from your favorite stuffed animal to your toothbrush. This is the sad reality that children face when they have to enter a shelter, group home or foster care.

The Bag Project provides children in crisis with a high-quality, age-appropriate bag filled with necessities and comfort items. A duffle bag filled with basic items such as toothpaste, soap and deodorant can give children a sense of dignity when they need it the most.

Founder Anupa Wijaya explains, "We have an opportunity to provide comfort to children who are in unfamiliar and often scary situations. So why wouldn't we? There are several well-regarded organizations in this area that are successfully transforming the lives of our youth, on a very tight budget." The Bag Project has donated an incredible 30 bags over the past few months to teens in our Mercer Shelter in Trenton.

Thank you Anupa and team for your commitment to our organization and the community!

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Save the Date

Saturday, September 24

10 am - 3 pm • rain or shine
Moorestown Mall parking lot

Don't miss this fun-filled family event!