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**Twin Oaks Community Services Announces Merger with
Greater Trenton Behavioral HealthCare**

New Organization to be called Oaks Integrated Care

Mt. Holly, NJ- On July 1, 2015 Twin Oaks Community Services and Greater Trenton Behavioral Care Services will merge to form Oaks Integrated Care. The merger unifies two private, nonprofit behavioral health agencies dedicated to serving vulnerable children, adults and families living with mental illness or a developmental disability. The merger was approved by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and the Department of Human Services.

The new partnership brings together two clinically strong, financially healthy organizations with a shared mission focused on improving the quality of life for individuals and families. Most importantly, the merger brings the promise of growth, giving more people access to quality, effective behavioral health services. Integrating operations will expand reach, spread best practices, strengthen effectiveness and ensure maximum efficiency.

The name Oaks Integrated Care reflects the qualities of the mighty oak, which has deep roots in the community, many branches and continues to grow and reach the highest heights. By focusing on integrated care, the organization can begin to treat the whole person to achieve both mental and physical wellness.

With 135 programs serving 16,000 consumers, over 1,850 employees and a budget of 98 million dollars, Oaks Integrated Care will emerge as one of New Jersey's most comprehensive and forward-looking human service providers. Bob Pekar, CEO of Twin Oaks Community Services, will serve as CEO of Oaks Integrated Care.

"The merger brings our diverse histories together and builds a powerful vision for a future filled with new opportunities to serve the children, adults and families in our community who need it the most," said Pekar. "As part of our strategic vision, our new name, Oaks Integrated Care, reflects our efforts to help individuals achieve both mental and physical wellness."

Oaks Integrated Care offers over 135 programs for vulnerable adults, children and families in nine counties throughout New Jersey. Programs include group homes, in-home services, case management, day treatment, foster care and adoption support,

outpatient and partial care services, crisis stabilization services, food pantries and special needs supportive housing.

About Twin Oaks Community Services

Twin Oaks Community Services, a private, nonprofit organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life for vulnerable adults, children and families throughout New Jersey. Twin Oaks formed in 2012 when Family Service merged with Steininger Behavioral Care Services. The organization offers over 100 behavioral health programs in nine counties designed to meet the needs of the community with compassion.

About Greater Trenton Behavioral HealthCare

Greater Trenton Behavioral HealthCare, a private, nonprofit organization, provides a comprehensive range of rehabilitative mental health and substance abuse services for adults and children in Mercer County. Founded in 1981, GTBHC has helped thousands of individuals with mental illness live balanced and productive lives.

For more information, please visit **www.oaksintcare.org** or call the Development Office at 609-267-5928.

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