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### **Keystone Human Services Announces Completion of the Most Successful Capital Campaign in KHS History for Susquehanna Services Dogs**

Keystone Human Services (KHS) announced today the successful completion of the capital campaign for the new Susquehanna Service Dogs (SSD) training, education, and kennel complex in Grantville, Pennsylvania. The successful end to the campaign marks the beginning of a bold new chapter for Susquehanna Service Dogs, with a facility that matches its international reputation as a leader in breeding, raising, training, and placing life-changing assistance dogs.

SSD has been part of the community fabric of central Pennsylvania for almost 30 years. Hundreds of dogs have been placed with the support of millions of volunteer hours. SSD currently supports 159 working teams and has 123 dogs with volunteer puppy raisers, where they learn basic skills and develop aptitude for work as assistance dogs.

"With this new center, SSD can help more people live active independent lives, place more dogs, and better support our working teams and volunteers. We are proud to have reached this remarkable milestone and grateful to all the donors, volunteers, and staff who have helped us get to this day," said Deb Tack, SSD Director.

Robert Baker, CEO of Keystone Service Systems, the SSD parent corporation, and Charles Hooker, President and CEO of Keystone Human Services, both expressed their appreciation for the community's leadership in helping SSD reach this goal. "We know how important this program is and how many more lives will be changed with the new complex. Thank you to everyone involved in the campaign."

Groundbreaking is expected to take place in summer 2021, with completion in the spring of 2022.

### **About Keystone Human Services**

KHS is a global human services organization based in Harrisburg, PA. KHS operates in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, the Republic of Moldova, and the Republic of India, providing direct services and supports and advocacy in mental health, autism, and intellectual, developmental, cognitive, and physical disability. We build communities where everyone can thrive, direct their own lives, establish homes, find meaningful work, pursue education alongside their peers, and fill valued roles in the community. KHS also provides services through Keystone Autism Services, Susquehanna Service

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