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## **Presbyterian Children's Village Invites Community to Join Sanctuary Accreditation Celebration**

Presbyterian Children's Village extends an invitation to the community to visit the Rosemont campus on May 25 for a celebration of a milestone achievement: accreditation in the Sanctuary Model of Trauma Informed Care. The Village is located at 452 South Roberts Road, Rosemont, PA. The open house event, scheduled from 3 to 5 pm, includes a brief program about the achievement, with youth and staff sharing their experiences.

Guests will have the opportunity to make a personal “safety plan”, one of the Sanctuary tools, as well as view exhibits of student art work and program activities, purchase items made by residents, and talk with staff about services and opportunities at Presbyterian Children's Village.

Sanctuary is an evidence-supported, organization-wide approach to working with individuals, families, and communities that have experienced trauma. The accreditation represents hundreds of hours of time invested by all staff and residents and is a new standard for residential treatment facilities. Foundational to Sanctuary are seven commitments: non-violence, open communication, shared governance, social leaning, emotional intelligence, and growth and change. Certification follows a rigorous organization-wide effort to meet Sanctuary standards that aim to facilitate healing from experiences of significant trauma. The Sanctuary approach offers useful tools for everyone.

Founded as an orphanage in 1877, Presbyterian Children’s Village today is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the healing of the spirits of children, families and communities broken by violence, addiction, poverty, mental illness, racism and other serious societal problems. The Village serves more than 6,000 children each year in the greater Philadelphia area.

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