

**PAXTON CAMPUS ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF
ALLY (“A LIFE LIKE YOURS”) ADVOCACY CENTER**

Leesburg, Virginia – February 11, 2013 – On Monday, February 26, at 6:00PM, Paxton Campus will officially open the doors the new ALLY (“A Life Like Yours”) Advocacy Center building.

This project was funded through a Community Development Block Grant from HUD and administered through Loudoun County. The ALLY Advocacy Center serves people with disabilities as well as their families with all aspects of life, including education, vocation, housing, quality of life, and healthcare.

There to help celebrate the grand opening of the ALLY Advocacy Center building will be Leesburg Mayor Kristen C. Umstatt who will be cutting the ribbon. After the ribbon cutting, there will be a ceremony unveiling the dedication of “Nora’s Room” in the new ALLY Advocacy Center building; Nora was the daughter of retired Paxton Campus Board of Director member JoEllen Keating. Mrs. Keating served on the Board for more than twenty years; this tribute is well deserved.

Paxton Campus has been serving the Loudoun County community for years, and the grand opening of the ALLY Advocacy Center building will see the community rallying around the Center, its families, students, and overall mission to create equal opportunities for individuals of all abilities.

In 1922, Rachel Paxton had a vision to turn her home and property into a safe and welcoming environment for underprivileged families. In 1967, a group of parents whose children had special needs formed The Arc of Loudoun, a non-profit to start a school for their children when no one else would. In 2010, those two visions combined when The Arc of Loudoun moved to the Paxton Campus. Since then, the Campus has grown into a full-service organization to provide an

integrated and innovative learning environment for all ages and abilities. Programs include The Aurora School, Open Door Learning Center preschool, STEP Up vocational training program for adults, and ALLY (“A Life Like Yours”) Advocacy Center, all devoted to serving people with disabilities and their families, as well as helping children of all abilities thrive in our community.

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