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ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA COMPLETES PERIMETER ROAD

Construction to begin on Villa entrance

New traffic patterns in effect starting Monday, June 13

Richmond, VA – St. Joseph's Villa announced today that it had completed work on its new Perimeter Road around the original Villa campus at 8000 Brook Road and that work would begin immediately on roads around the Villa entrance. As a result of the new construction work, the Villa's main entrance will be closed and traffic will be diverted to the new Perimeter Road.

The Perimeter Road is part of a three-phase construction project to create a safer and more therapeutic environment for clients at the Villa. After completing an Infrastructure Redevelopment project in fall 2010, work began to create the new Perimeter Road which will carry vehicular traffic around the Villa campus. Now that the Perimeter Road work has been completed, work will begin on resurfacing many existing roads on campus and converting others into a new Pedestrian Avenue which will be completely free of vehicular traffic. Once completed, the Pedestrian Avenue will be a safer way for children to travel from building to building, and fresh landscaping will provide a more tranquil environment for learning.

"We are thrilled that we are at the point of transitioning from one construction phase to another," said Kathleen Burke Barrett, Chief Executive Officer at St. Joseph's Villa. "Now that work can begin on the new Pedestrian Mall, we know we are getting closer to the day when the 'new Villa campus' will be a reality."

Work on the Villa's construction projects has been made possible through the support of donors to the *Believing is Seeing* Campaign, which has raised more than \$8.6 million towards a goal of \$10 million.

Work on the roads around the Villa entrance is scheduled to take place during the next three months. During that time, visitors to St. Joseph's Villa can access the Villa campus (and parking lots) through the South Gate (on Brook Road) and a new Parham Gate (on Parham Road). Visitors may download driving directions from the Construction page on the Villa website, www.NeverStopBelieving.org/construction.htm

St. Joseph's Villa

Established in Richmond in 1834, St. Joseph's Villa is metro-Richmond, Virginia's oldest and largest continuously-operating children's nonprofit organization. The Villa is located on a spacious 82-acre campus in Richmond/Henrico County and builds stronger children, families and communities. The Villa serves more than 500 children and families daily, through the delivery of day, after-school and residential programs that include: special and nontraditional education programs for at-risk youth; education and housing services for homeless children and their families; education and respite, summer and after-school care for children with autism and developmental disabilities; behavioral treatment programs for children and

families; housing for adults with disabilities; and a child development center. The Villa is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation and is an approved Medicaid provider for many of its services.

St. Joseph's Villa admits clients of any race, color, gender, age, religion, disability or national origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accepted or made available to clients at St. Joseph's Villa. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, St. Joseph's Villa is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability and retaliation in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other agency-administered programs. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A. related activity should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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