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Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Fresh Start Celebrate New Partnership at Independence Program

WHO: Leadership and staff of Coatesville VA Medical Center and Fresh Start, Inc., Veterans, congressional representatives, community members

WHAT: An official ceremony will take place to celebrate the opening of the Independence Program at Coatesville VA Medical Center. The new program represents a growing partnership between Coatesville VA Medical Center and Fresh Start, Inc. The 40-bed supportive housing program offers Veterans with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) a home and assistance in reintegrating back into the community.

WHEN: **Thursday, September 30, 10am**

WHERE: Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC)
Building 4
1400 Black Horse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA
Parking spaces will be reserved upon request

WHY: Coatesville VA Medical Center and Fresh Start, Inc. enjoy a unique partnership that provides specialized care for Veterans in a space that would otherwise stand vacant. Both the medical center and organization are pleased to work together toward helping improve the lives of Veterans who have served this country.

Any media outlet wishing to attend the celebration is asked to contact Kathleen Pomorski by Monday, September 27. Any questions on the day of the event can be directed to Steve Dizel at 610-380-4343 or 484-678-8541.

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