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BROOKS, CAREER START, CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING OF NEW FACILITY

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today joined Career Start President, Lindsay Taliento, for the grand opening of Career Start's new facility located at 727 St. Paul Street. Career Start is a private employment firm established in 2007 as a pilot program for the Monroe County Department of Human Services to assist job seekers move from public assistance into the workforce.

Career Start has since broadened its client-base and now also contracts with the Catholic Family Center Reentry Program, the U.S. Parole Office, and the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. In 2009, Career Start placed over 600 public assistance recipients into full-time employment, with an average of 55 clients placed monthly. Career Start is the leading placement agency for Monroe County's Transitional Employment Assistance, Health Care and Transitional subsidized job programs.

"Career Start is an excellent example of community collaboration and a valuable public-private partnership that achieves one of our top goals – to help people find good jobs," said Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. *"Career Start has been tremendously successful in helping residents achieve self-sufficiency and independence while saving taxpayer dollars. I'd like to thank Career Start and all of our employer partners for joining us in this important effort."*

"Career Start has become an exceptional community resource to both employers and the applicants we place by helping qualified people move from unemployment to the workforce," said Lindsay Taliento, President, Career Start. *"Our placement numbers continue to rise and we are excited and optimistic about the opportunities our new facility will afford our clients. I am truly thankful to Monroe County for their guidance and partnership."*

Career Start is a free resource to employers and targeted job seekers in Monroe County. Its new facility is equipped with a 16-person computer lab designed for career training and job searching, a clothing center where clients can pick out interview attire, and space for employee interviews and job fairs. Career Start's employer partners include the University of Rochester, ARC of Monroe, Unity Health, and Diamond Packaging.

"The unique service-oriented approach offered by Career Start has helped us find qualified employees who have been a tremendous asset to our workforce," said Chuck Murphy, Vice President of Human Resources, University of Rochester. *"The U of R is proud of its employment partnership with Career Start and look forward to continuing our relationship with them."*

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