

Good morning and welcome.

On behalf of the team at Alternatives, thank you for joining us to celebrate this exciting and meaningful milestone.

Today marks more than the opening of a new group home, it showcases how Alternatives is supporting individuals with complex needs in a setting designed to help them feel safe, understood, and empowered.

At Alternatives, we believe that every person deserves more than care, they deserve a place to belong. A place where they are seen for who they are, supported through challenges, celebrated for achievements, and given the opportunity to live a meaningful life in their community.

This home was thoughtfully designed to create an environment that promotes comfort, predictability and connection. Aided by specialized staff training, enhanced and individualized supports, and other innovative approaches, we've created a setting that responds to each person's unique needs while honoring their dignity and individuality.

But what makes this place truly special will never be the walls, the technology, or the furnishings - - It will be the people that call it home.

And we pledge to do all we can to foster progress, confidence, relationships, and a sense of stability and belonging.

Projects like this only happen because communities and people like you believe in possibility. To our families, supporters, partners, staff and everyone who helped make this vision a reality - thank you. I do want to take a moment and recognize the funding and technical support we received from the NJ Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency, and our sincere appreciation for support from the Somerset County Home Production Grant. And we are particularly grateful to add to our long-standing partnership with Hillsborough Township – thank you! Your commitment allows us to continue expanding what community living can look like and ensuring individuals receive the care and support they need.

Today, we celebrate more than a new house.

We celebrate possibility.

We celebrate dignity.

And we celebrate the future for the individuals who will make this house their home.

Thank you for being here and for sharing this special day with us.