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Circle of Friends expands to the Washington Street Center

Circle of Friends, a comprehensive care service designed to help intellectually challenged adults, announced today the expansion and relocation of their administrative offices to the Washington Street Center located at 127 East Washington Street, Suite 200. The 6,000 SF space was recently made available by the City of Suffolk Department of Economic Development, who had occupied the space since 2002.

Circle of Friends offers a structured, all-encompassing program that provides a variety of social programming and health support in a protective setting. The ultimate goal of the program is to promote independent living and to help individuals learn to use resources throughout the community. Activities are designed to maximize the potential of each participant while increasing self-esteem. Circle of Friends operates other facilities in the area that offer supportive in-home, congregate residential, and respite care services.

"We are pleased to be within the Downtown Suffolk business district and look forward to becoming an integral part of this community" said owner Valencia Ballard.

"Expansion of an existing business is a key ingredient to our economic development success," said Mayor Linda T. Johnson "and we are very pleased that the Circle of Friends decided to expand their administrative offices within Suffolk."

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