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## **Connolly Brothers teams with Children's Friend and Family to create new treatment facility and headquarters**

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For over 170 years Children's Friend and Family Services has been helping Essex County's children and their families through counseling and child psychology services. The incredible growth of their client base, the physical inadequacies of their original facility, the critical need for adequate parking, better access to their county wide population, more privacy for their clients and the need to attract the most qualified staff possible all contributed to their decision to move to a new location.

Children's Friend took advantage of a wonderful opportunity offered by the city of Salem and purchased the former Endicott School building at 110 Boston St.

As is the case with most Connolly projects, this was not the first time Connolly had worked with Children's Friend. The team of Connolly, Children's Friend and Architect Dennis Gray worked together to come up with a design and scope of work which met the user's needs, budget and schedule. In the end the project was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.

Connolly has been serving the construction needs of the North Shore communities since 1880. Connolly's strong background in design, responsible value engineering and problem solving greatly aided the team of Connolly, Children's Friend, and the architect to move forward efficiently to renovate the existing facility and construct a link addition. Through the team's cooperative efforts, the organization successfully moved into their completely renovated facilities on April 17, 2007.

The new facility offers double the previous space, enabling the organization to better serve the significant number of children and families waiting for help. As well as providing ample parking and improved client access, the new space meets the needs for community and parent trainings and the delivery of the most up-to-date counseling and mentoring technologies.

Connolly and its subcontractors are proud of their involvement in this project that contributes to the lives of many children and families in the area.

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