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Exciting Changes Coming to Lawrence Community Center

Lawrence Township, New Jersey – March 28, 2024– Get ready for big and exciting changes at the Lawrence Community Center! Beginning October 1, 2024, the Lawrence Township Recreation Department is set to embark on a rejuvenation of the space, promising an influx of recreational, arts, and community events like never before. This initiative follows collaborative efforts between both organizations and the recent renovation and expansion of the HomeFront Lawrenceville Campus on Princeton Avenue. With this expansion, HomeFront has been able to consolidate all of its supportive services to offer a full suite of resources including its new Choice Market food pantry, access to diapers, period supplies, furniture, clothing, housewares, and many other basic needs, housing crisis assistance including eviction prevention and permanent supportive housing, and direct connections to HomeFront programs that provide enrichment for children and educational and career support for adults. HomeFront will transition all services currently provided at Lawrence Community Center including food access and specialized case management support for Lawrence families to the Princeton Avenue location.

In a move to further advance the department and HomeFront, the township-owned community center building located at 295 Eggerts Crossing Road, currently managed by HomeFront, will now be under the management and operation of the Recreation Department.

"The township's partnership with HomeFront has been of great value to our community," remarked Mayor Patricia Farmer. "Both organizations are committed to ensuring that the community has access to the services that have been traditionally provided, as well as an array of other community programs."

The township expresses gratitude to HomeFront, which has been managing the community center and running its own programming there since 2009. HomeFront will now be consolidating its entire operation at its expanded home base on Princeton Avenue in the township.

"HomeFront was founded in Lawrence, built through community support of Lawrence residents, and will always be committed to Lawrence Township," said Sarah Steward, the CEO of Homefront. "We look forward to continuing to partner with the Township and its residents through and beyond this transition to ensure that all families have the support they need to thrive." This transition will allow for both HomeFront and the growing township recreation department to further their respective missions.

New and expanded programming at the community center will commence after a brief period of renovations to the building's interior. Meanwhile, HomeFront programming, along with all its community support initiatives, will continue uninterrupted during this seamless transition in the coming months. The re-opening date is estimated to be Spring of 2025. For more information or media inquiries, please contact:

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