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### **Horizon Village Campus opens Freedom Village Veteran's facility**

**Buffalo, NY (November 2013)** – Horizon Health Services is excited to announce the newest addition to their Horizon Village Campus in Sanborn, NY. Freedom Village, a 25-bed intensive residential chemical dependency program has opened their doors to male veterans. Freedom Village is a trauma-informed care environment. Programming includes educational/vocational services, family counseling, wellness programs, art therapy, along with specialty tracks for relapse prevention, coping skills, DBT skills, young adult-specific treatment, grief and loss, and anger management. The campus features a Wellness Center with a gymnasium and workout room, along with primary care medical services, outpatient mental health counseling and psychiatry that the residents have access to. The campus also has a therapy dog. Dakota, a golden retriever, who came to the campus two months ago and has made Horizon her home where residents have responded very well to her.

Residents of Freedom Village do not have to meet traditional VA criteria for veteran status to be eligible. Anyone with any military experience is eligible for Freedom Village as long as they have a significant Chemical Dependence Diagnosis and in many cases have struggled with outpatient and/or 28day inpatient programs. Each referral is individually screened to determine level of treatment need for TBI, up to and including coordination of care with external providers as needed. Most individuals will have their residential stay covered via Department of Socials Services, Public Assistance benefit. Horizon also offers sliding scale fees based on income and resources.

Freedom Village is dedicated to helping veterans and their families achieve health and recovery for a better tomorrow. To make a referral please contact Mindy Kuppel, Client Relations Coordinator, at (716) 731-2030. You may also contact the Horizon Health Services admissions team at (716) 831-1800.

### **About Horizon Health Services**

Horizon Health Services is the largest and most comprehensive provider of fully integrated mental health and chemical dependency treatment and recovery services, with 17 outpatient sites serving Erie, Niagara and Genesee counties. In addition Horizon Village, a 50-bed inpatient facility operates in Niagara County, where a Veterans Treatment Facility is completed. Horizon's Primary Care and Wellness Center which is adjacent to Horizon Village offers medical, psychiatric and recreational services to all campus residents. 2013 marks the fifth consecutive year Horizon has been named one of the *50 Best Companies to Work for in New York, and Business First Best Place to Work*. For more information about Horizon, visit [www.horizon-health.org](http://www.horizon-health.org).

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