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Adriel Opens Harmony Hall

Community Open House May 31

WEST LIBERTY, OH – For over 110 years, Adriel has been serving Ohio's neediest children. In an effort to prepare for its next 100 years, Adriel has constructed a new 24 bed home on its West Liberty campus.

The new home, designed by Brian Seitz of Ten Penny Designs of Dublin and built by Link Construction of Bellefontaine, was planned with both comfort and durability in mind. Mike Mullins, CEO of Adriel, stated that, "More children are coming to us with more severe behavioral issues than ever before. This new home allows us to serve them in a safe and comfortable environment." The layout features two separate sides, each housing 12 children, with a suite of offices and training rooms in the center. The floorplan is open and spacious. Features like full size windows, warm soothing colors, and natural materials make it feel like a home, rather than an institution, which was essential for Adriel's family-centered program. However, design specifications like built-in cabinetry, extra-reinforced furnishings, shatter proof windows and impact-resistant drywall make this home as durable as it is beautiful.

The construction of this facility is one part of Adriel's Campaign for Today's Child, a comprehensive plan to enhance the residential and foster care programs. After a period of organizational stabilization as well as growth in foster care, Adriel leadership felt it was an excellent time to further invest in building the programs. Mullins said, "We believe our family-centered approach to foster care and residential treatment provides our children with a different and unique environment in which to learn and grow. Our mission compels us to serve as many children as we can, and investing in and strengthening our programs is a way to do that."

In first two years of the Campaign For Today's Child, many individuals and businesses have generously supported Adriel. Locally, support from Johnson Welded Products, Honda of America, Champaign National Bank, The Columbus Foundation, and ORBIS Corporation were essential in giving Adriel a strong start for the new building. Said Mullins, "We have been so blessed by the generous support of many donors. This new home would not have been possible without them, and we are excited to continue partnering with our community to serve children in need." Fundraising efforts for the Campaign, which also includes continued growth of ongoing youth programs like Special Olympics sports, continue.

The name Harmony Hall was selected in a joint effort by Adriel staff, youth, and leadership. In keeping with the name "Adriel"—it was chosen because it is Hebrew for "flock of God"—Adriel wanted to find a name that captured the vision for this new home. Harmony, which when used as a name means "a beautiful blending," was selected after a series of votes. Mullins said, "We believe this name symbolizes our commitment to taking kids from different backgrounds and different abilities and who face many different challenges, and becoming a family. This family extends to our staff, foster families, volunteers, and generous supporters—together, we are a 'beautiful blending' of individuals who work together to provide quality care for children in the spirit of Christian love."

Adriel, founded as an orphan's home by the Mennonite Church in 1896, is a not-for-profit agency serving children and families. Adriel is accredited by CARF, licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, and is a Certified Teaching Family Sponsor Site. Adriel has offices in West Liberty, Archbold, and Dublin, Ohio. For more information about Adriel and their services to abused and neglected children visit the website at [www.adriel.org](http://www.adriel.org).