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### **Devereux Pennsylvania Closes Out \$20 Million Capital Campaign**

**Villanova, PA** – Robert Kreider, president and CEO of Devereux is pleased to announce that Devereux Pennsylvania has successfully completed a \$20 million capital campaign. “The final component of this five year capital campaign was a generous \$1,000,000 joint challenge grant from Thomas Hays, Chair of the Devereux Board of Trustees and Francis “Skip” Genuardi, Vice-Chair of the Devereux Board of Trustees and Chair of The Campaign for Devereux Pennsylvania. This 18-month challenge was the largest grant challenge offered to Devereux by individual donors and will be instrumental in helping us carry forward our mission of hope for the more than 3300 children and adults we serve in southeastern Pennsylvania,” comments Kreider.

Two Devereux parents, Lisa Yang and Hock Tan, along with an anonymous Chester County philanthropist, offered the final gifts that closed the campaign and successfully completed the \$1million challenge grant.

The \$20 million raised for The Campaign for Devereux Pennsylvania is a landmark event in Devereux’s 96-year history of excellence and innovation. Families, friends, area businesses and employees have come together to help fund improvements to expand and enhance key facilities and services that serve clients from throughout Pennsylvania and neighboring mid-Atlantic states.

Some of the specific projects funded by the capital campaign include Genuardi Village on the Devereux Kanner campus in West Chester. Genuardi Village features three new cottages that will provide therapeutic residential services to 60 children and adolescents with autism and other developmental/intellectual disabilities. Through a generous endowment, special outings and programs such as Special Olympics and Scouting will also be financed for clients at the Kanner center.

Earlier in the campaign, the Mendelson Community Center, a life skills and wellness center was constructed to encourage physical fitness for the adult clients with developmental and intellectual disabilities at the Whitlock Center in Berwyn. The center houses the state-of-the-art, handicap-accessible Mary Robin Brigham Aquatic Center.

The campaign has also funded the MIR residential program, which uses the “teaching family model” to teach life skills such as cooking, cleaning and setting house rules to young men at the Whitlock program who have suffered traumatic brain injury or are developmentally/intellectually disabled.

Devereux, which is the largest nonprofit provider of services for individuals with special needs in the United States, receives more than 90 percent of its revenues from government agencies, which often does not fully cover the costs of services that Devereux provides. Fundraising projects, like the recently completed capital campaign, are crucial for the growth of programs and services and updating the residential and educational buildings.

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**Devereux is the nation’s largest nonprofit behavioral healthcare provider for individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities, behavioral disorders and mental illness. Founded in 1912 by a Philadelphia schoolteacher, Helena Trafford Devereux, the Devereux Philosophy of Care focuses on bringing out the strengths of each individual through research-based assessment and treatment programs. Devereux employs 6000 staff and operates 15 centers in 12 states, providing services to over 15,000 annually.**