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Gilead and Oak Hill Unite to Build a New Model of Care

November 7, CT – Oak Hill and Gilead Community Services are pleased to announce a new affiliation, which brings together two strong organizations with an innovative vision. Gilead, a leading regional private provider of mental health services, is joining forces with Oak Hill, the state’s largest private provider of services for people with disabilities. Recognizing that many individuals in both organizations live with both mental health needs and physical disabilities, Gilead and Oak Hill will work to build a new model of integrated care that meets the unique needs of each individual served.

“The new affiliation will allow the two organizations to share expertise and resources in crucial areas,” said Barry Simon, Oak Hill’s President and Chief Executive Officer, “Oak Hill’s strengths in providing services to individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities will complement Gilead’s broad spectrum of recovery-oriented mental health services. Our partnership will allow two organizations with similar missions to continue to excel in providing services in a changing healthcare environment.”

“This presents a tremendous opportunity for us to expand and enhance the services that Gilead provides,” said Dan Osborne, Gilead’s CEO. “We are excited to be partnering with Oak Hill, an organization that has both a strong mission and a standard of care that matches Gilead’s reputation for high quality.”

Under the new agreement, Gilead becomes a subsidiary of Oak Hill. This is an affiliation-- not a merger or acquisition. Each organization will retain its name and mission. Both organizations remain separate corporations, and will continue to have separate boards of directors. All of the current programming in both organizations will remain in place.

In a time of increasingly limited state funding, this is a move that also makes solid financial sense. Gilead and Oak Hill will be able to realize important operating efficiencies. This will allow both organizations to invest more resources in the individuals and communities we serve.

Oak Hill and Gilead share a devotion to excellence, innovation, integrity and compassion. With this shared culture, and a bold vision for person-centered, fully-integrated care for every individual, we are confident that our new affiliation will improve the independence and quality of life for all the individuals that we serve.

Gilead Community Services is a private non-profit organization, providing broad access to a wide range of high quality and recovery oriented mental health services. Gilead’s programs provide opportunities for clients to build trusting relationships, improve their quality of life and perhaps most importantly, regain hope that had been lost. For more information about Gilead please visit www.gileadcs.org.

Oak Hill is Connecticut’s largest private provider of services for people with disabilities. It operates 16 distinct community-based programs throughout the state, which serve over 40,000 people, directly and indirectly, annually. Programs include: residential services, supportive employment/day services, education, in-home services, assistive technology, healthy relationships, early intervention, autism services, adaptive sports and fitness, and camping. For more information about Oak Hill please visit www.OakHillCT.org.

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