

# Local News

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## Dottie's House: The Dream Continues for Local Transitional Housing Program

On March 1, 2007 Dottie's House unveiled a new \$1.6 million addition to its existing eight apartment complex dedicated to providing shelter, education, job training and social services to women and children in a monitored environment who are survivors of domestic abuse. The facility, situated at an undisclosed location, has recently added nine new apartments, four three-bedroom units, four two-bedroom units and one one bedroom efficiency apartment for a total of 17 units.

"I am extremely grateful for the generosity and support of so many people who have made this possible" said Carol Wolfe, Dottie's House Founder and Vice-President as she thanked everyone who helped make this expansion possible at the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony attended by state and local dignitaries, board members and supporters of Dottie's House. "This could not have been accomplished without the gen-



Carol A. Wolfe, Founder and Vice-President of Dottie's House, presides over Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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erous support of government, the business community and others who have contributed financially through donations of time and services and their commitment to the mission of Dottie's House," concluded Wolfe.

In June of 2001, Dottie's House opened its doors to the first facility of its kind in the

state offering up to 24 months of secure, independent living and associated program services to Moms and their children; all under one roof. The success of this program is evidenced by former graduates who have succeeded in accomplishing their goals of achieving financial and emotional independence.

Among the major financial con-

tributors were the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Shelter Support, the Township of Brick, OceanFirst Foundation, First Energy Foundation, New Jersey Natural Gas and Holy Cross Church, Rumson.

For further information about the program, donations or volunteering, call (732) 262-2009.