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CHESTNUT HEALTH SYSTEMS IN GRANITE CITY UNDERGOES RENOVATION TO EXPAND FACILITY AND SERVICES

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL., OCT. 27, 2011 . . . Earlier this month construction-management firm IMPACT Strategies began Phase I of a \$4 million renovation project at the Granite City, Ill., location for Chestnut Health Systems (<http://chestnut.org>), a non-profit organization that has been providing behavioral health care services to Illinois residents since 1973.

IMPACT Strategies (<http://buildwithimpact.com>) and architect Gray Design have teamed up to create an innovative, new facility for Chestnut Health Systems that will double its size to 70,000 square feet. The challenge at hand will be to renovate two existing side by side buildings and connect them in a functional and aesthetic manner, while enabling the owner to maintain daily operations and its regular hours of business. Upon completion, the new facility will accommodate Chestnut Health Systems expanded service lines, including health services, pharmacy, crisis residential, counseling, case management, training and chemical dependency services.

Mark Hinrichs, president of IMPACT Strategies, said, "Activity is well underway on the renovation and change is already noticeable. We're focusing our efforts now on exterior improvements to the parking lots, building and landscape before the weather turns. By Spring 2012, Chestnut Health Systems will be able to open the doors to its completed facility."

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Orville Mercer, southern region manager for Chestnut Health Systems, commented, “While the renovation may create an inconvenience for a short time, we’ll remain operational and available to our patients. The end result is worth it if we can better serve those in the community in need of behavioral health care services. This is a great opportunity to further our mission to make a difference and improve quality of life through excellence in service.”

Other recent healthcare projects completed by IMPACT Strategies include: Hospice of Southern Illinois Residence Center; Maryville Professional Building; Open MRI of Southern Illinois; Sesser Community Health Center; St. Joseph’s Hospital Maternity Ward Renovations, and St. Elizabeth Hospital MOB Renovations.

For more information about IMPACT Strategies and its projects, visit www.buildwithimpact.com or call 618.394.8400.

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