

Flemington, NJ- Abilities of Northwest Jersey Inc. announced the opening of their new PossAbilities Thrift Boutique located at 1 Church Street, Flemington, NJ. The store features select primitive home décor and woman's wear and accessories. Store hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am-6:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am-5:00pm.

An Open House event will be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm, which will include a special ribbon cutting ceremony at 12pm with light refreshments. Attendees will include members of Abilities Board of Directors and supporters of the organization.

This will be the organization's second thrift store, following the opening of PossAbilities Thrift Boutique in Phillipsburg this past September. The opening of the Flemington location is part of the organization's expansion into Hunterdon County. "Our mission is to expand PossAbilities for the individuals we serve, as well as the community. We are excited to have the opportunity to move into Flemington and positively impact more lives throughout Hunterdon County" said Abilities CEO, Cindy Wildermuth.

As well as woman's wear and accessories, the store will also be selling merchandise from Abilities' art program, CreateAbilities, where individuals in their programs make hand-made art such as paintings, crafts, etc. The program implements the selling of handmade, unique art pieces made by the service recipients that will be exclusively sold at PossAbilities Thrift Boutiques and Abilities' Washington Center Gift Boutique.

Similar to the Phillipsburg location, the Flemington store serves as a training program and provides job opportunities for Abilities service recipients, who will be able to participate in retail training and job coaching. The store will also serve as a satellite office for Abilities'

Employment Pathways program, where individuals are given job training, sampling and career planning. The new office located in the store will serve individuals involved in the program throughout Hunterdon County.

Proceeds from the store will directly impact over 400 individuals with disabilities and will contribute to the organization's PossAbilities Campaign, which kicked off Fall of 2018 with a goal to raise \$1.75 million over five years to expand services in the region. Abilities of Northwest Jersey is an affiliate of Allies, Inc. and is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the employability and quality of life of people with disabilities through individualized training and services.

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