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## **RCIL HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW DOWNTOWN UTICA HEADQUARTERS**

The Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL), in coordination with the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce, today held a ribbon cutting for its new downtown Utica headquarters located at 131 Genesee Street (the former Boston Store). RCIL moved into its current location in July of this year.

RCIL is leasing two floors and approximately 200 employees have been relocated into the building.

Charles A. Gaetano Construction Corporation was contracted earlier this year to redevelop the space, and its crew worked diligently to ensure successful completion of the project.

Over \$2 million has been invested in the project, including funding from Empire State Development (ESD), The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, M&T Bank/Partners Trust Bank Charitable Fund, J.M. McDonald Foundation, Inc. and The James H. Wurz, Jr. and Edward T. Wurz, Sr. Foundation with technical assistance provided by Mohawk Valley EDGE.

RCIL is the largest Independent Living Center in New York, encompassing centers in Utica, Herkimer and Amsterdam.

RCIL advocates and provides support services to individuals with disabilities throughout New York State.

As one of the largest employers in Oneida County, RCIL has a major impact on the local economy.

Nearly 60 million people in the United States live with a disability (approximately 20 percent of our population), making individuals with disabilities the largest minority group in the country.

**RCIL CEO Zvia McCormick stated,** “We are excited to stay in downtown Utica and continue to grow as an organization. I thank the RCIL Board and organizations that invested in this project, including Empire State Development (ESD) and The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, as well as our partners, especially Charles A. Gaetano Construction Corporation, for their continued support.”

**Charles A. Gaetano Construction Corporation President Brian Gaetano stated,** “The former Boston Store is an iconic building with a proud history, and RCIL’s relocation has reestablished the building as an anchor in downtown Utica. RCIL is a great organization with a worthy mission and has made a positive impact in the redevelopment of our community.”

More information about RCIL can be found at <https://www.rcil.com/>, including exciting career opportunities and the services available to you and your family.

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