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SISTERS ACADEMY GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION IN ASBURY PARK

ASBURY PARK, NJ - Mercy Center of Asbury Park will commence construction of the new Sisters Academy addition by hosting “Building a Future Full of Hope - A Groundbreaking Celebration”, Friday, April 24th at 10am at 1416 Springwood Avenue in Asbury Park. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Sisters Academy’s mission is to educate students from economically challenged families and provide them with access to a private high school and college education.

The event is open to the public and will include a prayer service and light refreshments.

“This groundbreaking not only represents a better learning environment for our students, but it also kicks off the Asbury Park Springwood Avenue Redevelopment Plan,” said Sister Carol Ann Henry, RSM, Executive Director of Mercy Center. “This event has been five years in the making, and we are all ready to celebrate this great accomplishment on behalf of Mercy Center, Sisters Academy, our generous donors, our students, their families and the Asbury Park community!”

The \$2.39 million, almost 14,000 square foot addition will be built by Pre-Structured Building Systems, Inc. of Fair Haven and is scheduled for completion in time for the 2010-2011 school year.

“As Sisters Academy developed and refined its programs, space became a pressing issue,” Sister Mary Louise Miller, RSM, Principal of Sisters Academy explained. “The new facility will meet ADA requirements and will provide increased classroom space, an interdenominational chapel, a playground and so much more!”

Established in 1997, Sisters Academy is a middle school for students in grades five through eight. The Academy is dedicated to educating girls in an academically stimulating and highly disciplined learning environment.

Sisters Academy graduates hold impressive records with 100% of the eligible alumnae graduating from high school and 87% of alumnae attending either college or other higher education.

Although construction will begin, fundraising efforts continue for this project. To learn more about Mercy Center, future-building plans for Sisters Academy and how you can make a donation of your time, talent or treasure please visit SistersAcademyCampaign.com or call Tiffany at 732.774.9397 ext. 14.

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