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**Buffalo, NY...** Recovery Options Made Easy (Recovery Options) is pleased to announce The John R. Oishei Foundation grant award of \$200,000 towards the development of the Kirsten A. Vincent Respite & Recovery Center (Respite & Recovery Center) at 111 Maple St., Buffalo, NY slated to open in the Fall of 2022. The John R. Oishei Foundation grant will compliment funding from Erie County Department of Mental Health and Erie County Legislature.

The Respite & Recovery Center is the first-of-its-kind intensive respite and comprehensive recovery model in New York State designed to support crisis stabilization and continued recovery. The Respite & Recovery Center will divert those with mental illness away from hospitals or the street and to a safe, supported environment.

Shannon Higbee, CEO of Recovery Options comments, "We are grateful for this significant contribution from The John R. Oishei Foundation. Their support of this project is indicative of the desperate need for these services".

Located in the Fruit Belt, the Recovery Options' Respite & Recovery Center will provide community access to much needed intensive respite and immediate care services, as well as job opportunities.

The Center will include a Short-Term Crisis Respite (Refreshing Waters), an Intensive Crisis Respite (Restful Rivers), a Renewal Center in collaboration with Western New York Independent Living (WNYIL) and a Mental Health Urgent Care, a Spectrum Health & Human Services satellite. This innovative model of recovery allows individuals a safe space of calm to regroup and recover.

"We so appreciate the sensitive approach that Recovery Options and its partners have taken to ensure residents with mental health needs are cared for and supported in their recovery right in their own community," commented Esther Annan, Program Officer with The John R. Oishei Foundation. "The development of the Respite and Recovery Center will offer a much more suitable facility for those suffering from a mental health crisis while diverting patients from emergency rooms. "

The John R. Oishei Foundation enhances the economic vitality and quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region through grantmaking, leadership and network building. For more information about The John R. Oishei Foundation, visit [www.oishei.org](http://www.oishei.org).

Recovery Options is a nonprofit peer run organization. Recovery Options was developed and is operated by those who have lived experience through the recovery process. Programs and services benefit participants in mental health services in 20 counties in Western New York and Finger Lake regions. The organization is committed to decreasing stigma by increasing awareness of mental health and substance use through information, education, and advocacy.

