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To open new neighborhood home in Amherst, Heritage Christian Services urgently needs direct support staff

BUFFALO — With the completion of a new neighborhood home in Amherst, Heritage Christian Services has an urgent need for direct support staff to assist adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities there. A job fair on June 2 is planned to make it easy for job seekers to start work as soon as possible.

Heritage Christian needs to hire 20 people to staff the new home, but this move comes amid a year of turmoil in the job market and an overall shortage of workers. The job fair will be at the new home at 840 Dodge Road in Amherst from 11 a.m. to 2 p. m. on Wednesday, June 2. Job seekers will be able to talk with recruiters, tour the property and start the interview process on-site. Those who complete a job application will be treated to a free food truck lunch.

Heritage Christian Services hopes higher wages will attract the staff needed to work at this home and at other locations throughout the Buffalo Niagara region. The agency recently announced an increase of its base wages, now at \$15.75 for direct support positions. That increases to \$16.25 an hour for weekends and \$16.50 for overnights, with an extra \$1 per hour at certain locations, plus overtime opportunities.

Thanks to community partners like the Asbury United Methodist Church, this 24-hour staffed home on Dodge Road in Amherst will soon be home to six women. It is one of only two new homes that Heritage Christian Services has built since 2013, with the other home opening soon in the Rochester suburb of Penfield.

This is an opportunity for the surrounding community and nearby neighbors to enter a profession they may not have considered before. Applicants don't need experience to work with people with disabilities. Heritage Christian Services provides all the needed education and training. Full-time and part-time positions are available. For more information, visit <https://jobs.heritagechristianservices.org/event/dodge-rd-job-fair>.

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About Heritage Christian Services

Heritage Christian Services, established in 1984, strives to advance an inclusive and equitable community. Our more than 3,000 employees look beyond the traditional to provide services that ensure meaningful and diverse experiences. Based in western New York, with concentrations in the Rochester and Buffalo Niagara regions, we're innovating and expanding as the needs of our community grow. We serve our community with programs that promote housing options — and the support within them — along with programs that create relevant employment and day habilitation; establish high-quality child care; set the standard for statewide workforce education; ensure robust health and wellness; and embrace self-empowerment.

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