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## ServiceSource to Open Senior Center for People with Disabilities in Sussex County

ServiceSource Delaware Regional Office Receives Longwood Foundation Grant

Wilmington, Del., December 6, 2012 — The ServiceSource Delaware Regional Office was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Longwood Foundation to open a Senior Center in Sussex County for individuals with disabilities.

The Center, scheduled to open in early 2014, will serve up to eighteen seniors with disabilities when at full capacity. Participants will be able to take part in arts and crafts projects and community activities outside the Center.

"We are grateful to the Longwood Foundation for their continued support of this program and the confidence they have placed in us to expand the Senior Program in a sound and responsible way," said Regional Executive Director, Dennis Dapolito. "We believe our past success and current business model will lead to a long-term service solution for seniors living in southern Delaware."

The Longwood Foundation is also a key supporter of Service Source's first Senior Center in Kent County, the Dover Senior Center, which opened in 2008. The Dover Senior Center provides activities for seniors with disabilities in a relaxed atmosphere. Activities such as the "Red Hat Society" and the "Guys Derby Racers Club" provide gender-specific bonding and social interaction while their ballroom dancing and cooking classes allow for interactions among all participants.

## **About ServiceSource**

ServiceSource (<u>www.servicesource.org</u>) is a leading disability resource non-profit providing a wide range of customized programs for individuals, families, employers and corporate partners. The organization's proven collaborative approach helps foster a more inclusive and supportive community where individuals with disabilities can succeed and thrive.

Since 1957, the ServiceSource Delaware Regional Office has provided employment and job development services for over 30,000 people with disabilities, and placed over 2,300 people into competitive employment in their communities.