



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John J. Bonacic

## Senator Bonacic Secures a \$1 Million Grant for the Center for Discovery

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(**Middletown, NY**)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) announced today that he has secured a \$1 million Transportation, Infrastructure and Economic Development grant for The Center for Discovery to assist with the renovation of the former Frontier Insurance building in Rock Hill. Joining Senator Bonacic at today's announcement was Patrick H. Dollard, President and CEO of The Center for Discovery.

The Center for Discovery recently announced plans to purchase the former Frontier building in Rock Hill, with a plan to create a sub-acute children's specialty hospital, a research institute, and an expansion of its existing 853 school program, all of which will focus on a variety of complex conditions, including autism. The grant secured by Senator Bonacic will help support the renovation of the building, which will cost \$25 million.

"The Center for Discovery, through its outstanding leadership and dedicated staff, has made an incredible difference in the lives of thousands of children and adults from across New York State," said Senator Bonacic. "From its innovative educational and clinical approaches for treating complex conditions, to its work in sustainable, organic farming, and its commitment to advancing assistive technology, The Center for Discovery is a national model for health, wellness and innovation. This grant will assist The Center in its latest endeavor, and ensure that it can continue making a difference in the lives of so many people."

Patrick H. Dollard, President and CEO of The Center for Discovery said, "We are incredibly grateful to Senator Bonacic for securing \$1,000,000 in capital investment to support The Center for Discovery and further advance the mid-Hudson region's role as a national leader in healthcare innovation. On behalf of The Center, I want to thank Senator Bonacic for his dedication to Sullivan County and the broader region, including the thousands of individuals and families we serve here."

For more information on The Center for Discovery and the work that they do, please visit <https://thecenterfordiscovery.org/>