

### COPE Center Celebrates Headquarters Grand Reopening

On September 17, the COPE Center, Inc., celebrated the grand reopening of its headquarters and main counseling center located at 104 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, after a two-year reconstruction period. Board members, staff, and invited guests participated in grand reopening festivities, with many participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, including (from left to right): Patsy Kolbe, Reese Stone, Tom Cherry, John Helm, Peter M. Rooney, Richard Hatzenbuhler, Roger Nelson (COPE board president), Sue Seidenfeld (COPE executive director), Montclair Deputy Mayor Roger Terry, Robert Butler, Karen Carter, Ted Irwin, Robert Prout, and William Bloom. COPE Capital Campaign donors were recognized for their generosity and continued support throughout the construction phase. The campaign raised over \$760,000, and about \$70,000 is still needed to meet its goal. Donations can be sent to COPE, 104 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042.

COPE is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing quality behavioral health-care services that are affordable, accessible, and responsive to individual, family, and community needs. The letters of COPE's name stand for Counseling, Outreach, Prevention, and Education, all areas in which the agency's professional staff is actively engaged in programs throughout Essex County and surrounding areas, including the centers in Montclair and Verona. Its counselors work in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, family crises, problems in daily living, and AIDS. COPE was started over 30 years ago by the Junior League of Montclair and Newark and the United Way of North Essex. Information on any of COPE's programs is available by calling 973-783-6655 or by visiting the agency's Web site, [www.copecenter.net](http://www.copecenter.net).

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