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## LITTLE LEAVES BEHAVIORAL SERVICES CHOOSES THREE ST. JOHN PROPERTIES BUSINESS COMMUNITIES FOR NEW LOCATIONS IN MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

*Clinic serving children on the autism spectrum now operational at Ashburn Crossing in Virginia, and new sites opening soon at I-97 Business Park and Yorkridge Center South in Maryland*

**BALTIMORE, MD** (October 20, 2021) – **Little Leaves Behavioral Services**, a Silver Spring-Maryland based company offering Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to children on the autism spectrum, has selected three **St. John Properties** business communities in Maryland and Virginia to support its next phase of expansion. The group signed leases with the company for 7,323 square feet of space at I-97 Business Park in Anne Arundel County and 9,000 square feet of space at Yorkridge Center South, as well as assuming a sub-lease for 5,520 square feet of space at Ashburn Crossing in Loudoun County, Virginia. Little Leaves Behavioral Services now operates eight locations across Maryland, Virginia and Florida, with leasing commitments for an additional five sites.

**Fernando Nunez** and **Andrew Smith** of Cushman & Wakefield represented Little Leaves Behavioral Services and **Stephanie Caronna** of St. John Properties represented the landlord in the I-97 Business Park transaction. **Michael Sacks** of St. John Properties represented the landlord and **Matt Melnick** of Cushman & Wakefield represented Little Leaves Behavioral Services in the leasing transaction at Yorkridge Center South. In the Ashburn Crossing transaction, **Danny Foit** of St. John properties represented the landlord and **Patty Brown** of **Marathon Realty Group** represented the client.

Founded in 2012 as a division of FullBloom, an education and behavioral health solutions organization, Little Leaves Behavioral Services provides one-on-one ABA services to children up to six years of age diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Each client works with a trained clinician on individualized goals with a focus on social communication, social interactions and school readiness skills. The overall objective is to provide a foundation that prepares children with ASD for their next level of education, while also increasing a higher level of independence and functionality.

“The need for high-quality services to support the needs of individuals with autism and their families is growing, and we are expanding in communities where our families live and work,” explained **Marina Major**,

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President of Little Leaves Behavioral Services. “There are just not enough service providers to go around and, if a child is placed on a six-month waiting list, this means they will go six months without receiving any therapy, which is unfortunate. We want to close the gap. Families without access to services are forced to make compromises and that puts a strain on the entire family. In some cases, we have parents that drive their children one hour for a one-way trip to our facility. Our mission is to continue to add sites in Maryland and Virginia, as well as expanding our footprint on the East Coast.”

Little Leaves Behavioral Services intends to occupy space in 254 Najoles Road, a single-story building containing 30,240 square feet of flex/R&D space in the I-97 Business Park by the end of the year. The 67-acre business community is located near the intersection of Benfield Boulevard and Najoles Road in Millersville, Maryland and is approximately nine miles from Annapolis.

The group expects to be operational at 1840 York Road in Yorkridge Center South in Timonium, Maryland by the first quarter of 2022. Little Leaves will occupy space in the single-story, 38,985 square foot flex/R&D building overlooking York Road and positioned less than two miles from Towson.

Little Leaves signed a sublease at 21000 Ashburn Crossing Drive and is presently operational within the 61-acre mixed-use business community located at the intersection of Gloucester Parkway (VA Route 28) and Loudoun County Parkway (VA Route 607) in Ashburn, Virginia. 21000 Ashburn Crossing contains 29,040 square feet of flex/R&D and commercial office space, and is adjacent to numerous residential neighborhoods as well as the mixed-use community of One Loudoun.

“St. John Properties offers one-story flex space with access to the outdoors, which is the exact type of space that we need to execute our programming,” Major added. “Most of our facilities are in the 6 to 7,000 square foot range with specific areas for therapy and social activities. It is critical to spend time outdoors with our children to help them develop skills they need to succeed later in school. Each of the buildings we chose in this expansion wave directly serves the communities that need our services most.”

“We are honored that Little Leaves has selected multiple locations and spaces throughout our portfolio as part of their expansion into new geographical regions,” explained **Sean Doordan**, Executive Vice President, Leasing & Acquisitions for St. John Properties. “Our building design matches the exact requirements for their use and we believe it will contribute to their long-term success in these new markets.”

Founded in 1971 and headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, St. John Properties, Inc. is one of the Mid-Atlantic's largest privately held commercial real estate firms. The company is distinguished by its commitment to customer service, achievements in green building, and top-rated workplace culture. Throughout St. John Properties' 50-year history, the company has developed more than 21 million square feet of flex/R&D, Office, Retail and Warehouse space serving more than 2,500 clients in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Utah, and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit [www.sjpi.com](http://www.sjpi.com).