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Lease Signing Makes Way for Future South Lebanon Early Learning Center

WHAT: A long-term donated land lease agreement between the Village of South Lebanon and Warren County Community Services, Inc. (WCCS) was signed Thursday, June 19, 2008 during the South Lebanon Village Council Meeting.

- The property will be used to build the proposed new South Lebanon Early Learning Center (formerly Happy Hearts Head Start). When completed the new center can serve 150 children, a 72% increase. Children will range in ages from 6 months up to kindergarten who live throughout Warren County particularly Maineville, Mason, Morrow, and South Lebanon.
- The property is located at the corner of Section Street and Forrest Avenue in South Lebanon, next to the old abandoned elementary school building.
- The one-story structure with two-story central atrium, 15,000 square foot building will include:
 - Family and Community Resource Center
 - Specialized therapy rooms
 - Workrooms
 - Six classrooms
- The total project cost is estimated at \$2.0 million.
- The Early Start...Future Success Capital Campaign is being launched to raise funds for the proposed building. For details on the campaign, please contact Vel Hux – Director of Development at 513-695-2206 or email at velh@wccsinc.org.
- The New Facility will benefit the community by:
 - Creating an attractive and innovative model early childhood center
 - Meeting the growing need for child care close to home and work
 - Aiding businesses who need to attract and retain employees
 - Setting stage for future development in the “heart of South Lebanon”

Page 2. Details about the Signing and Early Start...Future Success Capital Campaign

- Electronic Versions of the photos and sketches are available, please contact Vel Hux – 513-695-2206 or velh@wccsinc.org.
- The project architect is Rick Pansiera - Studio for Architecture – Lebanon, OH.

WHO: Jim Smith, Mayor – South Lebanon
Village of South Lebanon Council
Larry Sargeant, Executive Director – WCCS, Inc.
Lisa Cayard, Director – WCCS Early Learning Centers
WCCS Board of Trustees
Public officials, friends, and families

WHEN: Thursday, June 19, 2008
6:30 p.m.

WHERE: South Lebanon Municipal Building
99 North High Street
South Lebanon, OH 45065

More about WCCS, Inc. and the Early Learning Centers

The WCCS Early Learning Centers are accredited, full-day child care and part day early childhood education programs for preschool children who live in Warren County. Centers are located in Carlisle, Franklin, Lebanon, and South Lebanon.

Teachers and family advocates work collaboratively with partners in the community to provide a host of expanded services to enhance learning and involve the family.

For more information about the WCCS Early Learning Centers, please visit our website at www.wccsi.org.

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