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LEWIS CHILDREN'S CENTER TO BEGIN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT LAKESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

New program will begin in early January 2012

Richmond, VA – St. Joseph's Villa has announced that it will begin an after-school program at Lakeside Elementary School in early January 2012. The school is located at 6700 Cedar Croft Street in Henrico County.

The new program will operate from the end of the school day until 6:30 pm each day. Each day's program will include snack time, recreational activities and dedicated time for homework.

Lewis Children's Center is a full-service child development center on the campus of St. Joseph's Villa. Founded in 1982, the program can accommodate, but was not created for, children with special needs. Children with special needs account for less than 10% of the center's population.

"We are thrilled to open this program at Lakeside Elementary School," said Lisa Williams, Director of Lewis Children's Center. "We are planning an exciting start to the semester and look forward to working with the faculty at Lakeside Elementary School to create the best environment for their students."

Parents seeking more information about the program should contact Lewis Children's Center at (804) 553-3244.

St. Joseph's Villa

Established in Richmond in 1834, St. Joseph's Villa is metro-Richmond, Virginia's oldest and largest continuously-operating children's nonprofit organization. The Villa is located on a spacious 82-acre campus in Richmond/Henrico County and builds stronger children, families and communities. The Villa serves more than 500 children and families daily, through the delivery of day, after-school and residential programs that include: special and nontraditional education programs for at-risk youth; education and housing services for homeless children and their families; education and respite, summer and after-school care for children with autism and developmental disabilities; behavioral treatment programs for children and families; housing for adults with disabilities; and a child development center. The Villa is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation and is an approved Medicaid provider for many of its services.

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