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### Calling all HEROES!

“HEROES Training Camp” to start this summer!

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Richmond, VA – Lewis Children’s Center, the child development center at St. Joseph’s Villa, is calling on all would-be HEROES to attend Training Camp starting on June 21. Let the adventures begin!

HEROES Training Camp is a fun way to instill positive values in children between the ages of 6 and 14. Each week, children will participate in adventures and activities to encourage:

- Honesty
- Enthusiasm
- Responsibility
- Optimism
- Endurance, and
- Success

Each day, camp will begin at 7:00 am and run through 6:00 pm. Daily activities include music, art, theater, physical education, as well as math/science and reading projects that are designed for fun and for learning!

Children will develop HEROES values and qualities by studying real life heroes and their contributions to our world. For instance, to understand America’s exploration of space, children might study Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, examine soil types, make their own model of a Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO), and learn about how they too might develop the qualities it takes to be an astronaut.

Guest speakers, off site field trips, and water play are all included in the camp’s weekly tuition rate. The Lewis Children’s Center is located on the 82-acre St. Joseph’s Villa campus at 8000 Brook Road (the corner of Brook and Parham Roads).

HEROES Training Camp is available for the entire summer (from June 21 through September 3). Tuition is \$144.00 per week, and families can choose individual weekly sessions to customize their camp experience to accommodate other summer commitments. One-time registration is \$40.00 by May 15 or \$55.00 after May 15. Summer camp T-shirt (mandatory) is \$10.00. For more information about HEROES Training Camp, please contact Lewis Children’s Center at 552-3244 or visit [www.LewisChildrensCenter.org](http://www.LewisChildrensCenter.org)

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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