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FORMER JENKINTOWN DAY NURSERY STUDENT RETURNS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jenkintown, Pa -- Former Jenkintown Day Nursery student, who attended JDN for Preschool through Kindergarten, 17-year-old Jeremy Cosmatos, returned with his Boy Scout troop to give back to his alma mater.

Jeremy, working toward being inducted into Eagle Scout Troup 72 in Abington, contacted JDN Executive Director Kim Jones, asking her what he could do to make a difference at JDN, since he and his sister who also attended have such great memories of the early education center. Mrs. Jones worked with Jeremy to help identify and formulate his Eagle Scout Project. Ellen Goldstein, JDN Building and Grounds Chair, helped to oversee the entire project and took pictures to document the event.

Jeremy recruited additional volunteers to help him design and implement a fix for a chronic problem at JDN, a curbside area that was frequently washed out by the rain. The curbside area had been a nagging problem. It had been filled repeatedly, but eventually rains would wash away the fill material. With the help of one boy's father, who had knowledge about landscaping, Jeremy and several other troop members dug deep into the ground and added a layer of gravel below the surface so that more rainwater will sink down instead of eroding the surface soil and grass. Because of its location

alongside the area where parents drop off their children, it was particularly important to find a solution here that would last.

Jeremy and his cohorts spent 13 hours over three Saturdays and Sundays working hard at their chosen tasks: digging and filling both by the curb and along the pathway to the playground, where they installed stepping stones. They removed debris from two sandboxes and disinfected them. Inside, they gave a good scrubbing to the kitchen walls, cabinets, surfaces and equipment.

"The Scouts not only fixed the washout problem, but they also restored a worn pathway, cleaned the sandboxes and freshened up the kitchen," said Kim Jones, JDN's Executive Director. "Jeremy did an amazing job and his character is evidence of the superior early education and care we give to our students and their families."

To see photographs of the Boy Scouts in action visit
<http://www.jenkintowndaynursery.com/photos.php>.

About the Jenkintown Day Nursery

The Jenkintown Day Nursery (JDN), a nonprofit organization, seeks to ensure that no child is refused quality early education and care because of the family's inability to pay full tuition. The story of JDN traces back to 1903, when Mrs. Theodore B. Culver discovered small children left in a barn to fend for themselves while their parents worked. She quickly took action to help, finding a safe, warm place for the children and recruiting volunteers to care for them. JDN has been operating continuously since then, serving families who live and work in Philadelphia, Montgomery, Bucks, Chester and Delaware Counties.

The center has evolved into a nurturing learning environment, rich with opportunities for children's physical, emotional, social and intellectual growth. JDN offers 2-year-old, 3-year-old, 4-year-old, pre-k and kindergarten programming. With 90 children, the center is currently at full enrollment. It is located at Hilltop & Baeder roads in Jenkintown. When making admission decisions, the center gives preference to working families who need assistance. Tuition is set along a sliding scale based upon family size and income. A

dedicated, volunteer Board of Directors raises funds to help provide tuition subsidies that allow our families to obtain superior early education and care for their children.

JDN has been recognized for the quality of its learning environment, earning the highest rating, STAR 4, in the Pennsylvania Keystone STARS Program, which sets standards for early learning centers. It was among the first centers selected to participate in the state's Pre-K Counts program, which supports high-quality early education. JDN participates in the Pennsylvania Subsidized Day Care Program (Child Care Works / Child Care Information Service) and is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. It receives grants as well as donations to provide further tuition support. Jenkintown Day Nursery is registered as a tax-exempt, charitable organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the federal tax code.

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