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JENKINTOWN DAY NURSERY STUDENTS HOP FOR A CAUSE - APRIL 12

Jenkintown, Pa -- Children at Jenkintown Day Nursery (JDN), a nonprofit organization dedicated to quality affordable early childhood education and care for families in need, will participate in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) Hop-a-Thon Program on April 12, 2010 at 10am.

JDN's students will participate in the MDA's Hop-A-Thon Program, an educational special event for preschool through second-grade children at day-care centers, preschool and elementary schools. The program offers a week-long disability awareness lesson plan; hands on activities for the children with books and a video; and other free educational materials.

The students will hop, hop and hop some more to see how many hops they can fit into five minutes. Teachers and staff members will monitor the count. Each hop will raise money for research into cures for muscular dystrophy, Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) and related neuromuscular diseases.

To become a sponsor or offer a pledge call JDN at 215-884-1992.

Photo opportunities and interviews will be available for media in attendance. Following the event, photographs will be posted to www.jenkintowndaynursery.org.

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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