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LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL CHARITY FUND DONATES \$20,000 TO JENKINTOWN DAY NURSERY AT THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Jenkintown, Pa -- The Laborers' District Council of the Metropolitan Area and Vicinity's Charity Fund donated \$20,000 to Jenkintown Day Nursery, giving them something to truly be thankful for at their annual Thanksgiving celebration. The contribution was presented to JDN's Executive Director, Kim Jones and Co-President, Gail Madison by Perry N. Blackman, CPA, a member of the LDC Charity Fund's Board of Directors. Samuel Staten, Sr., Assistant Business Manager of Philadelphia's Laborers' Local 332 and Laborers' District Council was ill and unable to attend the presentation.

Jenkintown Day Nursery held its "Just Like Family" Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 25 in the beautifully decorated Playhouse. Staff served children and their parents a delicious Thanksgiving lunch.

"Jenkintown Day Nursery and its Board of Directors are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Laborers' District Council Charity Fund. The money will be used to support tuition assistance and other JDN programs," said Gail Madison, Co-President of JDN's Board of Directors.

About the Laborers' District Council Charity Fund

The Laborer's District Council Charity Fund's goal is to raise funds to assist charitable organizations that provide services to the needy in the five county area of Philadelphia. The Laborer's District Council has been helping members and their families and the community enjoy a better standard of living by providing jobs and benefits since their charter in 1937. LDC believes in the principles that unionism was founded on: a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and workers' rights. LDC also believes that next-generation unionism must vigorously pursue workers' rights' based on management and union cooperation and the advancement of member education.

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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