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### Media Invited to Break Ground at Special Learning Center's New Campus on Tuesday, June 4

Jefferson City, MO – Special Learning Center (SLC), the leading provider of services for children with developmental disabilities and delays, proudly announces the groundbreaking of its new campus and education & enrichment center along with its outpatient therapy center. The community is invited to join the groundbreaking ceremony on June 4, 3:00 p.m. at the future site of SLC's new campus located at 905 Weathered Rock Road. The event will feature a brief program and ceremonial first dig followed by a brief reception.

The new Debbie Hamler Campus will include the Mike Bernskoetter Education & Enrichment Center which includes childcare, early childhood special education, therapy services, and outreach programs. Additionally, the site will feature the Goldschmidt Pediatric Therapy Center offering specialized pediatric occupational, physical, and speech therapy services through the SKIP Clinic. This innovative development will significantly expand SLC's capacity to serve children across multiple counties in Mid-Missouri.

"This groundbreaking ceremony marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Special Learning Center" said Stephanie Johnson, Executive Director of Special Learning Center. "With this new campus, we will have the capacity to not only serve more children in our existing programs but we will have the ability to explore new programs and enhanced services for children with special needs."

#### Key features of the new campus include:

- **Childcare Services:** New campus will provide enough space for SLC to double the number of children served in its Inclusive and supportive childcare program for children with special needs.
- **Early Childhood Special Education:** Additional classroom space will allow for enhanced autism services and expanded special education classes.
- **Therapy Services:** State-of-the-art technology will be available for physical, occupational and speech language therapists to provide cutting-edge therapy services to children in both the educational and clinical settings.
- **Family Support & Outreach Programs:** The new facility will feature family resource areas and space for educational events and community initiatives.
- **Enhanced Outdoor Space:** The campus will feature two inclusive playgrounds, an outdoor therapy track, and outdoor green space for gardening and therapeutic time with nature.

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The construction of this center demonstrates our unwavering commitment to the community and to improving the lives of children with developmental challenges. With the enhanced space and capabilities, SLC anticipates serving significantly more children annually, ensuring they receive the high-quality care, therapy, and education they deserve.

For more information about the groundbreaking event or to learn how you can support Special Learning Center, please visit [www.speciallearningcenter.com](http://www.speciallearningcenter.com) or Stephanie Johnson at [sjohnson@speciallearningcenter.com](mailto:sjohnson@speciallearningcenter.com).

**About Special Learning Center:**

SLC is dedicated in providing comprehensive early intervention services to children with developmental disabilities and delays. Serving 11 mid-Missouri counties, programs are designed to support the unique needs of each child and their family through innovative educational, therapeutic, and outreach services. SLC's mission is to help every child with disabilities reach their full potential.

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