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Ground Breaking for Radford Early Learning Center

*Radford Child Development Corporation, Inc. and Rainbow Child Care Center
to provide high quality child care to local families*

RADFORD, VA, June 29, 2015 – [Radford Child Development, Inc.](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to developing quality certified child care, and [Rainbow Child Care Center](#), a provider of academic-focused early childhood education with centers in 12 states, have broken ground on the previously announced Radford Early Learning Center.

The 11,000 square foot state-of-the-art school will be NAEYC accredited, and will have a capacity of 140 children aged six weeks to pre-kindergarten. The school is scheduled to open January 4, 2016.

Radford Child Development Corporation partnered with a number of other local organizations to bring the Radford Early Learning Center to life. This included Radford University Foundation, which provided pre-open capital in the form of a zero-interest loan, as well as the New River Community Foundation, which provided a grant which allowed RCDC to create a sustainable fundraising plan. Price Williams, a Radford area property management and real estate development company, contributed the property and related services to make the new school a reality.

“Opening the center will start addressing the critical need for high quality early learning in the New River Valley”, said Dr. Agida Manizade the President of Radford Child Development, Inc. “Based on our research, nine out of ten children in Radford do not have access a to full-time, state licensed, facility. Radford Early Learning Center is a community celebrated project and we are excited to be on the leading edge.”

“The Radford Child Development Corporation has been working tirelessly to bring this school to the community and we are proud to be part of this outstanding initiative,” said Hugh McBride, Chief Marketing Officer for Rainbow Child Care Center. “We know that this school will make a difference to the children and families not only in Radford, but in surrounding areas as well.”

“The Radford University Foundation is pleased to voice its support for the new Radford Early Learning Center, “ said Dale Parris, board vice president at Radford University Foundation. “Having quality early education available will be an asset for the Radford University community and will provide a local NAEYC facility for Radford student internships. This center will help to address the urgent need for educational based child care in Radford.”

Families seeking more information about the new Radford Early Learning Center and how to register their children are invited to visit www.rainbowccc.com and www.radfordchilddevelopment.com.

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