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Subject: Community Partnership of the Ozarks to Celebrate Darr Family Foundation HUB at O'Reilly Center for Hope with Community Open House

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Open house will showcase expanded family resources, new child care center and major facility improvements

Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) will celebrate the continued growth of the O'Reilly Center for Hope and its evolution into **The Darr Family Foundation HUB at the O'Reilly Center for Hope** with a community open house **Thursday, Sept. 24, from 9–11 a.m.**

The come-and-go event will give community members, partners and media an opportunity to tour the HUB and learn more about the growing network of resources and programs available to children and families in one location. The celebration marks the completion of three major projects at the HUB: building improvements that created 10 additional office spaces and replaced windows; a new playground; and the addition of a **36-slot Kids Inn Child Care facility**.

“This is really a celebration of what can happen when a community works together around the needs of children and families,” **said Janet Dankert, President and CEO of Community Partnership of the Ozarks.** “The Darr Family Foundation HUB brings programs, resources and partners together in one welcoming place, making it easier for families to connect with the support they need.”

The new North Springfield Kids Inn Child Care location will serve children ages 6 weeks through 12 years and offer full-time, part-time and hourly care, including extended evening and weekend hours. The flexible model expands child care options for families while helping address one of the region's most pressing workforce challenges.

“We are thrilled to partner with Community Partnership of the Ozarks to significantly enhance child care opportunities for local families,” **said Christina Ford, Owner of Kids Inn Child Care.** “Together, we are creating a nurturing environment where children can thrive while families have access to the essential resources they need to succeed.”

Enrollment is now open for the fall 2026 opening. Families can learn more about rates and enrollment at kidsinnchildcare.com or contact NorthSpringfield@kidsinnchildcare.com

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The HUB's growth has been made possible through collaboration among community partners and public and private funders, including The Darr Family Foundation, DESE Innovation Grant funding and The Musgrave Foundation.

OPEN HOUSE

The Darr Family Foundation HUB at the O'Reilly Center for Hope

1518 E. Dale St., Springfield, MO

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026 | 9–11 a.m.

Brief program at 9:30 a.m.

Come-and-go community open house

Light refreshments provided

The event is open to the public and media.

About Kids Inn Child Care

Kids Inn Child Care provides flexible, high-quality child care designed to meet the needs of today's families. With full-time, part-time and hourly care options, Kids Inn provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can learn through play, build social skills and participate in creative activities. More information is available at kidsinnchildcare.com.

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