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ST. ANNE'S FAMILY SERVICES TO OPEN EARLY LEARNING CENTER IN LYNWOOD, CA ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

The centers will offer diverse services for infants and their families to establish a firm educational foundation during the critical early years

(March 9, 2022- LOS ANGELES)-St. Anne's Family Services will celebrate the opening of its ninth Early Learning Center at Lugo Elementary in Lynwood, California on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In partnership with Lynwood Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), St. Anne's will deliver comprehensive resources for infants and toddlers along with supportive services for their families at Lugo and Abbot Elementary School campuses respectively. With nearly 20 percent of the Lynwood population living below the poverty line, St. Anne's will address a critical need by providing educational and social services to help families thrive.

"Every child deserves the tools to pave the way to success in the classroom and beyond," said Lorna Little, President & CEO of St. Anne's Family Services. "We are thrilled to open the Early Learning Center, which will serve as a nurturing environment for our youngest members of the community as we help them establish the critical fundamentals that lead to a solid foundation as they transition into school."

The grand opening will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony where guests will hear from stakeholders, supporters, and elected officials pledging their support of this monumental education community gem, followed by tours of the facility to highlight the functionality of the space and the curriculum.

"The first five years of a child's life are immensely important in setting the tone for a bright future," said Dr. Gudiel Crosthwaite, Superintendent of Lynwood Unified. "We salute St. Anne's Family Services for their unwavering dedication in making the center a reality as we work together to bridge the education gap in underserved communities."

The ceremony is open to the press and invited partners. For enrollment information, call 213-381-2931 ext. 244 or 614.

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St. Anne's Early Learning Center at Lugo 4347 Pendleton Avenue Lynwood, CA 90262

About St. Anne's Family Services

An organization driven by a tireless mission of working together to build safe, nurturing and resilient families, <u>St. Anne's Family Services</u> supports clients from pregnancy to parenthood and childhood to adulthood – for generations to come. Sponsored by the Felician Sisters of North America, a Catholic ministry, our overall goal is to provide high-quality supportive housing, early childhood education, mental health and supportive services with the ultimate outcome of creating thriving families with brighter futures.