## Press Release

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## ARCHBISHOP TO DEDICATE AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE CENTER

SAN ANTONIO, TX, FEBRURAY 11, 2014. On March 7, 2014, Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA) will dedicate DePaul-Wesley Children's Center, an early childhood education center at 1418 Fitch, next door to the Wesley Health & Wellness Center.

The dedication will feature a blessing and remarks by The Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Archbishop of San Antonio.

Officials and trustees from both partnering organization will attend, along with city dignitaries, parents, volunteers, staff, and neighborhood residents.

A partnership between Daughters of Charity Services and Methodist Healthcare Ministries has brought the licensed child development center into being. Methodist Healthcare Ministries built a brand-new 22,000 square foot building, and Daughters of Charity Services is supplying the trained teachers and staff, as well as the furnishings and playground equipment, funded by donors and benefactors. This partnership has brought quality

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child care to families in a neighborhood whose children benefit tremendously in the crucial years before they start kindergarten. These years are the beginning of the learning process, and they are the most formative in the life of a child.

The primary goal of the early childhood education program, both at this location, and at DCSSA's other location, DePaul Children's Center on Golden Avenue, is to prepare children for success in school and throughout life.

The center has a capacity of 140 children, ages birth to four years, an after-school program for ages five to 12, and operates year round Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.