## Press Release

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## NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

## LICENSED AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

SAN ANTONIO, TX, AUGUST 20, 2013. September brings new schools and new friends, and in that spirit, Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA) announces the re-opening of DePaul-Wesley Children's Center, an early childhood development center at 1418 Fitch, next door to the Methodist Health & Wellness Center.

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.

The primary goal of the early childhood education program, both at this location, and at DCSSA's other location on Somerset Road, is to prepare children for success in school and in life.

The center has a capacity of 140children, 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.

According to Marcia Puente, Director of the center, "We have created an innovative model where children experience a safe, bilingual, rich environment that creates an ideal setting for growth. We aim to reduce barriers to care whether they are financial, transportation-related, geographic or cultural."

Marcia Puente continues, "Working families need child care, and Daughters of Charity Services has operated child care programs since 1984. We offer a top quality program, and it is also affordable. I invite working parents to call us at 210-334-2311."

CCS vouchers are accepted and the program is licensed by the state of Texas. For more information, please call 210-334-2390.