



HEAD START of Greater Dallas, Inc.

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NEW PRESCHOOL IN ROSELAND HOMES BRINGS BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR KIDS AND COMMUNITY

Who: Head Start of Greater Dallas (HSGD) and Dallas Housing Authority (DHA). Key Speakers include MaryAnn M. Russ DHA President, Tammy L. Richards HSGD Board President and Wanda J. Smith, HSGD CEO. Head Start students will give greetings and a four-year old Head Start student will read for the guests. Tours of the center will follow.

What: A special ceremony celebrating the newly restored childhood development center located in Roseland Homes, one of Dallas' most historically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

When: Monday, April 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: 2011 North Washington Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204. City Place Business District

Why: In February of 2009, Head Start of Greater Dallas celebrated another chapter in its long and productive partnership with the Dallas Housing Authority (DHA) by opening the Roseland Homes Head Start Center. The Roseland Homes Head Start Center is an integral piece of the DHA's revitalization of the entire Roseland Homes neighborhood, which includes \$35 million of new homes, town houses, apartments and neighborhood amenities.

The media are invited to tour the new center and see why Head Start of Greater Dallas is recognized as a national leader in developing programs that ensure that disadvantaged children enter school ready to learn. This includes the much-acclaimed Language Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP), the Early Childhood Math and Science Program and our partnership with Brookhaven College. What does it take to ensure our most vulnerable children succeed in school and life? Speak with Head Start parents, staff, directors and community partners involved in our ground breaking programs. Then visit with the children to see first-hand how our programs impact their lives.

Background: Head Start of Greater Dallas is a non-profit organization in Dallas that provides children with the foundation of skills and knowledge they need to be successful in school and life and fosters self-reliant families and communities. The agency currently serves 4,259 children at 37 full-day centers located throughout low-income communities in Dallas County. (www.hsgd.org)

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