School Based Kindergarten Program

Effective September 5, 2011 Stepping Stones Children’s Center, Inc. will be offering a School-based care and education program for children enrolled in the half-day kindergarten in the three elementary schools of the Pine-Richland School District. The program will be housed in safe and comfortable classrooms located in the Hance Elementary, Richland Elementary, and Wexford Elementary schools and will offer flexible enrollment options and affordable monthly tuition rates. This new and unique program will promote socialization, independent learning opportunities, self-confidence, and problem solving skills through child-initiated and informal activities based on the development and interest of kindergarten-aged children.

Each school will be staffed with qualified education and child care professionals and all locations will operate in compliance with the Department of Public Welfare, Allegheny County Health Department, and Keystone Stars standards for quality programming. All staff are trained in pediatric first aid/CPR and fire safety/emergency operations.

Children enrolled in the Kindergarten program will have the option of purchasing lunch from the school cafeteria or bringing their own lunch. Morning bus transportation to school will be available to students enrolled in the AM Kindergarten Session and afternoon bus transportation to home will be available to students enrolled in the PM Kindergarten Session. To ensure compliance with all school security requirements, parent pick-up and drop-off procedures will be specific to each school.

Since 1993 Stepping Stones Children’s Center has been providing kindergarten care and education for children in the three elementary schools in the Pine-Richland School District, bussing the children to/from the schools to Stepping Stones Crossroads Center. Providing programming for kindergartners in each elementary school will appeal to families who are searching for care based on the half-day kindergarten and will eliminate the need to transport children.

Stepping Stones Children’s Center also provides before and after school care in the Hance Elementary, Richland Elementary, Wexford Elementary, and Eden Hall Upper Elementary schools for children in grades 1-6. The Kindergarten and school age children will be combined during the before and after school hours (6:30-9:15 AM and 3:45-6:30 PM).

For additional information, please call Stepping Stones at 725-625-2199 or send your e-mails to info@stepstonescc.org or schoolage@stepstonescc.org. Registration Forms and additional program information are available on Stepping Stones website www.stepstonescc.org.