

New Director Elected to Nonprofit Board The Belle Center Welcomes David Hoffmann

October 15, 2009—ST. LOUIS: The Belle Center—a nonprofit organization that serves children with all types of special needs—recently elected David Hoffmann to its board. Hoffmann owns David's in Clayton, a hair salon located on Maryland Avenue in Clayton.

The Belle Center's Executive Director, Jodi Woessner, says Hoffmann will bring diverse experience to the board. "David's entrepreneurial spirit will bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to The Belle Center," says Woessner. "He is passionate about raising funds for our kids with special needs, ensuring they receive the services they need to be healthy and successful in life."

Hoffmann opened his salon in spring 1998. In addition to running the salon, he also continues to design hair. Hoffmann previously worked at Saks Fifth Ave Salon, Tommie's Hair Salon and Larry Wilson's Salon. He attended cosmetology school at Grabber Hair Design.

The Belle Center's mission is to ensure that all children with disabilities—and their families—are fully included within their schools and communities. The nonprofit's three programs—Center-Based Preschool Program, Outreach Therapy Program and Families as Partners Program—annually serve more than 300 children with disabilities in St. Louis City and County. Nearly 90 percent of the children served come from families who are uninsured, underinsured, underserved, and/or receive low reimbursement rates from government programs. This includes many middle-class families who struggle to afford preschool tuition and therapy services for children with disabilities.

Founded in 1984, The Belle Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides early intervention services for children with disabilities and their families. Belle was the first organization in the Midwest to provide a full inclusion preschool program where children with and without disabilities could learn and play together. The organization won two Stellar Agency Award from Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis in 2007 and 2008, and meets all 20 Standards of Charity Accountability through the Better Business Bureau (BBB). For more information, visit www.bellecenter.com.



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