

## **The Belle Center Moves to New Location**

Growing Nonprofit has More Room to Provide Family Services

September 1, 2009—ST. LOUIS: The Belle Center—a nonprofit organization that serves children with all types of special needs—moved to its new location on September 1, 2009. The Belle Center's new address is 10916 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146. The organization formerly had an office at 1082 Old Des Peres Road, Des Peres, MO 63131.

The Belle Center's Executive Director, Jodi Woessner, says the location will benefit the nonprofit's clients, as well as its staff. "We are very excited about The Belle Center's new home because we now have room to host Sibshops and other classes," says Woessner. "This will allow us to better serve our kids with disabilities and developmental delays, as well as their families. Also, for the first time in our organization's history, our teachers and therapists have a functional space to work in between their client appointments."

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](http://www.bellecenter.com).



Meets all 20 BBB  
Charity Standards



Proud 2008 Recipient of  
Deaconess Impact Partnership

10916 Schuetz Rd. • St. Louis, MO 63146  
p: 314.692.8499 • f: 314.692.0715 • [www.bellecenter.com](http://www.bellecenter.com)



Recipient of two  
Stellar Performance Awards:  
Daycare Category  
2007 & 2008