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## **Educare announces new board member**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – Oklahoma City Educare, an early childhood education center scheduled to open in South Oklahoma City in 2009, has added Chris Brewster to their board of directors.

Brewster has had teaching and leadership positions in Oklahoma City for more than 16 years at schools including Longfellow Elementary, Capitol Hill High School and Deer Creek High School. Brewster is a founding director of Santa Fe South Schools and has been serving as director of Santa Fe South Schools for seven years.

“Mr. Brewster brings valuable experience with South Oklahoma City,” said Bob Ross, chairman of the Educare Board of Directors and president of Inasmuch Foundation. “It is important that we meet the needs of the community surrounding the center, and Mr. Brewster is an asset to our team.”

Oklahoma City Educare will be located Byers Avenue and Southeast Grand Boulevard. The center will serve 200 at-risk children, ages prenatal to five years old, with year-round educational programs and developmental childcare. In addition to serving children enrolled in the program, family support staff will also ensure that pregnant women and newborns receive health services.

“The mission of Oklahoma City Educare to position young children for future school success falls very much in-line with our work at Santa Fe South,” Brewster said. “I am honored to serve as a board member.”

### **About Educare**

Founded by the Ounce of Prevention Fund in Chicago in 2000, Educare Centers are committed to helping young children grow up safe, healthy and eager to learn. Through a consortium of partners, Educare supporters create, provide and promote the highest quality outcome-based learning environments for families and their children (ages prenatal to five years) who are at-risk for school failure. Educare principles and practices are based on continual research and implementation within the field of early childhood education. The success of the children who enter this program will demonstrate the societal and economic value of investing in the earliest years in order to prevent the need for costly interventions later.

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