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OKLAHOMA CITY EDUCARE DEVELOPERS REACH CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE

OKLAHOMA CITY – Developers of the future site of Oklahoma City Educare at Byers Avenue and Southeast Grand Boulevard have completed the initial land development phase and reached a construction milestone. RDG Planning and Design and MAPS administrators recently coordinated the soil purification phase, the first step in becoming Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified. In addition, Flintco has finished pouring the foundation and topping out the steel structure for the building.

“I’m thrilled to see the progress on our site,” said Bob Ross, president and CEO of Inasmuch Foundation and chairman of Oklahoma City Educare. “With the soil remediation complete and the steel structure in place, we are well on our way to converting a brown field with four abandoned wells to a green field and building eligible for LEED certification.”

Oklahoma City Educare will serve 200 at-risk children, 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.

Oklahoma City Educare is expected to open June 2009 and has almost completed its \$9.3 million capital campaign. Throughout the next few months, project leaders intend to close out the capital portion of the campaign and raise an additional \$1.2 million for an endowment that will help fund future building maintenance and other unforeseen costs.

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. For information about Oklahoma City Educare, go to www.okceducare.org.

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