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**The Children's Courtyard in Austin
Achieves National Accreditation**

AUSTIN, Texas, December 17, 2008 – The Children's Courtyard – located at 5914 William Cannon Drive in Austin – is pleased to announce that it has earned accreditation from the National Accreditation Commission (NAC). The NAC program was developed to promote professionalism and quality in child care. They are one of only four providers in Austin to have achieved this prestigious recognition.

The school is also accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation until September 2010. NAEYC accreditation is granted for three years with satisfactory annual reviews.

“Providing children with a quality early education program is of the utmost importance to us at The Children's Courtyard,” said Karen Stanley, campus director. “That's why achieving dual national accreditation means so much to all of us here ... it truly serves as a testament to our hard-working teachers, amazing curriculum and state-of-the-art facility.”

Earning NAC is no easy task and consists of several components. It begins with a self-study of the program by administrators, staff and parents to evaluate the program in accordance with NAC standards. The second step is an onsite observation conducted by a trained NAC Validator who observes classrooms, checks required documents and paperwork, interviews staff and meets with school management. Finally, the NAC Commissioners review the materials and makes a determination to award, defer or deny accreditation. Additional information can be found at www.naccp.org.

Details on NAEYC accreditation can be found at www.naeyc.org.

About The Children's Courtyard

Founded in Arlington, Texas in 1986, The Children's Courtyard operates approximately 50 early education and child care locations in the Austin, Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth areas. With programs for infants through school-agers, The Children's Courtyard offers exciting and educational learning experiences through active exploration and discovery. Its innovative Lab Schools train and develop staff ensuring that each teacher helps promote a lifetime love of learning. For more information, please call Customer Support at (877) 892-4453 or visit www.childrenscourtyard.com.

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