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**Knight leads group of local businesses to address daycare shortages with up to \$50,000 of matching grants.**

Fargo, ND November 14, 2008- Knight LLC, the parent company of Knight Printing Inc. has formed a coalition of local businesses to provide a matching grant of up to \$50,000 to establish a children's daycare center at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Center in south Fargo. If successful the program could be expanded to include other locations.

Knight CEO Rich Slagle said he was moved by the recent shut down of four local daycare facilities. "It is heart breaking and we needed to take action to assist our community. We could not just sit back and do nothing".

President Judy Green of United Way of Cass-Clay said "this type of corporate support is critical to the success of programs like Success by 6. Recent studies indicate 72% of children under the age of six in North Dakota have both parents working. The national average is 59%. This illustrates the additional burden on local families and the need for better childcare options.

Knight has assembled a group of local businesses that will provide financial and other business support to create a new facility. The group of businesses includes Dakota REIT, Valley Rental Inc., Horizon Real Estate Inc., Joel L. Fremstad Attorney at Law, and The Marcil Group Inc.

Linda Lembke, Director of Childcare Resource and Referral in Moorhead, said businesses need to be involved in the issues surrounding early childcare development. "It is a workforce development issue for many companies that balance work and family life. This offer represents strong civic leadership," she said.

"We are seeking motivated childcare leaders who want to step up and create a 'world class' facility that can be a model for other providers in the area. The grant will be designed to leverage other locally available programs to fill the gaps needed to achieve success. We invite interested parties to explore the opportunity and contribute to our shared quality of life by offering families an additional childcare option," said Slagle.

The grant package will include cash, real estate, telecommunications, marketing, legal, accounting and executive mentoring support. The center will provide services for children ages 2 and up, with a capacity of up to 15 children.

“We want this center to provide an exceptionally nurturing, warm and loving environment,” said Slagle. “We have an excellent location at 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave Center, next to the new Dr. James Carlson Public Library, adjacent to an expansive park, directly across from Innovis Hospital.

“Quality daycare options affect most local businesses and have many beneficial impacts on our community,” said Slagle. “Parents have added peace of mind, it helps our community recruit young families, and it reaches into economic development. It is exciting to create this, and it offers another dimension of vitality to our great community,” he said.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Sue Long at [sue@marcilgroup.com](mailto:sue@marcilgroup.com)

**About Knight**

Knight LLC is the parent company of Knight Printing Inc., a 120 year-old full-service commercial printer offering services ranging from pre-press design to web and digital printing, bindery, fulfillment, mailing and more.

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