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## **Creating Brighter Futures for Children at Tots and Tales**

**Kansas City, KS November 12, 2008** - TFI Community Child Care, Inc. (TFI CCC) welcomes Tots and Tales Montessori School as part of their growing group of child care facilities. TFI CCC assumed ownership of the Montessori School on October 31, 2008. Tots and Tales is located near the Legends, Kansas City, KS.

Tots and Tales Montessori School opened its doors over 30 years ago when Jenni Barfot started the school. Shortly afterwards, Barfot's daughters, Sandra Kannedy and Cheryl Potter joined their mother as child care providers. Since then, several generations of families have been served by Tots and Tales. The child care staff has deep roots in the school where many have been with them since the beginning. Tots and Tales' vision encapsulates Dr. Maria Montessori's belief that education should be an aid to life. TFI CCC is excited to carry on the rich foundation that the school has established.

Children from 12 months up to 6 years of age are served at Tots and Tales. The school also offers After Care for grade children up to 12 years of age. Currently, the school is 96% filled with a wait list. They have 167 slots with over 20 staff members. Tots and Tales is open to all children in the community. In addition, TFI CCC contracts with SRS to provide services to families and children in their child care facilities, including Tots and Tales.

Mary Nesbitt, TFI CCC, shared that, "With our growing number of child care facilities, we hope we will be meeting the needs of not just foster families, but the needs of all the children and families in the community."

TFI CCC was established in 2007 as a member of the TFI Family of Companies to meet the growing need of Kansas families and children for child care. When TFI CCC opened their first child care facility in Junction City, they were reaching out to meet a need in a military community. Since that time, TFI CCC has grown with two additional Montessori Schools, Sunshine Acres in

Lawrence, KS and now Tots and Tales. In the near future, an additional child care facility will open in Junction City in partnership with USD#475.

**ABOUT TFI Community Child Care, Inc.** – TFI CCC is a member of TFI Family of Companies. To learn more about both, please go to [www.the-farm.org](http://www.the-farm.org). TFI Community Child Care’s mission is to nurture children to reach their fullest potential through early education and mentoring. Tots and Tales Montessori School is located at 9000 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS.

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