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TRINITY PRESCHOOL OF BERWYN EARNS NATIONAL NAEYC ACCREDITATION, CELEBRATES WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS & RECEIVES TRIBUTE FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Berwyn, Pennsylvania | November 1, 2011 – Trinity Preschool of Berwyn has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for 2011-2016. NAEYC is the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals, placing Trinity Preschool of Berwyn among the top in the nation by earning accreditation. The NAEYC Accreditation system was created to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality preschools, child care centers and other early education programs.

“We’re proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Suzi Alrutz, Director, Trinity Preschool of Berwyn. “NAEYC Accreditation confirms to families in our community that children in our program are getting the best early learning experiences possible. The Trinity Preschool staff, parents, and Board of Directors have worked diligently to document the ways in which the preschool meets over 400 criteria that qualifies us to achieve this ‘gold standard’ in early childhood education. Accreditation by NAEYC sets Trinity Preschool apart from just about every other preschool program in the area!” Trinity Preschool's accreditation requires continual compliance with rigorous and explicit national standards for early childhood education.

The Board of Directors for Trinity Preschool of Berwyn was proud to celebrate the preschool's accomplishment, recognize the hard work of the dedicated staff, and thank the supportive student body by hosting an Ice Cream Social on October 21, 2011. The staff, students and parents were treated to ice cream treats, scooped by the Board of Directors. Students had so much fun topping their ice cream treats with the wide selection of ice cream toppings available. “On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wanted to thank the entire Trinity Preschool community for their support and acknowledgement of the importance of quality early childhood education,” said Suzi Alrutz, Director, Trinity Preschool of Berwyn.

Trinity Preschool of Berwyn also received a visit from Representatives Duane D. Milne and Warren Kampf of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania takes great pride in recognizing those educational institutions that are committed to the enrichment of our youth and their development into well-rounded adults with productive, meaningful lives. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania “salutes the Trinity Preschool of Berwyn upon its well-deserved recognition and offers best wishes for continued success in the pursuit of academic excellence.”

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, Trinity Preschool of Berwyn went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early

childhood education and development. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC – **approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.** “The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs,” said Jerlean E. Daniel, Ph.D, executive director of NAEYC. “Having earned NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that Trinity Preschool of Berwyn is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education.”

For more information on Trinity Preschool of Berwyn, visit www.trinitypreschoolofberwyn.com.

For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit www.naeyc.org/academy.

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