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CATHOLIC CHARITIES EXPANDS ITS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMMING IN MERIDEN

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Catholic Charities announced today that the Child Development Center at St. Stanislaus School, 81 Akron Street in Meriden is now part of Catholic Charities' National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) Early Childhood Education program. Catholic Charities' Child Development Center at St. Stanislaus School provides high quality, full day, full year early childhood education to eighteen children between the ages of three and five years old as well as their families, representing all faiths and economic circumstances.

At Catholic Charities, our goal is to prepare young children to enter kindergarten ready to learn and succeed as well as to strengthen the whole family through additional educational and support services. Each of our sites is NAEYC accredited. NAEYC accreditation represents the mark of quality in early childhood education in the United States. To achieve NAEYC accreditation early childhood programs are measured against the most robust and rigorous national standards on education, health and safety.

Catholic Charities' Child Development Center at St. Stanislaus School joins the agency's nine other NAEYC accredited early childhood education programs in Meriden, Waterbury, Hartford and New Haven. In addition to Catholic Charities' Child Development Center at St. Stanislaus School, Catholic Charities also offers early childhood education at its Meriden Family Service Center, 61 Colony Street in Meriden.

Catholic Charities is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the State of Connecticut and has been the licensed, accredited social service arm of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford (Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven Counties) for more than 90 years. The Agency serves 30,000 people of all faiths annually from 30 locations throughout Connecticut and is an employer of more than five hundred social service professionals. For more information on Catholic Charities, please visit our website at www.ccaoh.org.

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