

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Volunteers Plan Weekend Work Project for LifeSpan Circle School**

#### **New playground and creative learning cottage will help children with developmental disabilities**

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**BURLINGTON, NC Nov. 22, 2008** – Volunteers from the Legacy Center Leadership Program will lead other volunteers in a weekend work project Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23 at the LifeSpan Circle School Burlington. This school transforms the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities by providing education, employment, and enrichment programs to affected children and their families. Over the weekend the group plans to build a gazebo and upgrade the playground equipment and sandboxes.

The Legacy Center volunteers who are leading this project are participating in a leadership development program organized by the Legacy Center in Morrisville. The project is intended to create an extraordinary transformation that leaves a tangible legacy to the community with less than six weeks of planning and no more than three days of actual physical work, and without using their own money.

Beginning at 8 am on Saturday, and continuing on Sunday, the Legacy Center volunteers and Elon college students will upgrade current playground equipment including sandboxes and a swingset. A new handicapped-accessible playset and swing will be added to the playground, along with an additional sandbox and playground accessories that promote fun, creativity and learning. An existing storage shed will be replaced with a colorful gazebo-style “creative learning cottage” that will offer the students a sheltered area for creative play. The upgraded playground and creative learning cottage will offer the children new opportunities to interact with each other and the world around them.

On Monday, November 24 at 4:00 pm the LifeSpan Circle School Burlington and the Legacy Center staff and volunteers will inaugurate the newly renovated playground with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration of the playground and the school’s students and staff. LifeSpan Circle School Burlington students and their families, staff, community members and local educators and dignitaries will be invited, along with the print and broadcast press.

The LifeSpan Circle School, located on 919 Stokes Street in Burlington, N.C., is an early childhood development school. What makes LifeSpan Circle Schools’ approach truly extraordinary is that it integrates children with varying degrees of ability with typically developing children. The philosophy of this school is that all children, regardless of mental or

physical ability, should have the opportunity to interact with each other, learn from each other and develop relationships with each other. The school gives these children the opportunity to grow knowing that they are all the same on the inside.

For more information, visit <http://www.lifespanservices.org/>.

The Legacy Center is an adult educational company, providing powerful public and corporate workshops and individual personal coaching for people to produce extraordinary results. For more information, visit <http://www.thelegacycenter.com/> .

Persons interested in participating in this project should call Taylor Hayes (704) 737-7285 or Ellen Coates (508) 292-3598.

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