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### **LIFESPAN Receives 5-STARS!**

**Mount Airy, NC** – LIFESPAN’S Circle School celebrated with an ice cream party after learning they had received a five-star child care center, the highest rating awarded in North Carolina Schools! Every daycare in North Carolina goes through a STAR rating assessment every three years.

The one to five star rating systems was created by the N.C. Division of Child Development to evaluate child care centers on components of quality, staff education and program standards. An additional benefit of the star rated licensure system is that it recognizes providers for the higher quality care that they provide. LIFESPAN’s Circle School scored 15 out of 15 points to achieve this rating.

“We are pleased that the N.C. Division of Child Development has given LIFESPAN a five-star certification,” Vice President Program Services Davan Cloninger said. “The Circle School has experienced and dedicated staff that puts the care and educational growth of each child first. It’s wonderful to celebrate the high quality of our services and we all congratulate the Team at LIFESPAN’s Circle School in Mount Airy.”

LIFESPAN, a nonprofit created over 38 years in Charlotte, provides the highest quality educational programs for children with developmental disabilities, with the belief that all children, regardless of ability, should have the opportunity to learn together.

LIFESPAN’s Circle School is enrolling pre-school children for 2011-12. Those interested can contact Cheryl Rodgers at 336-789-5402 for more information.

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