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The Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center announces an upgrade in facilities and services with new building to better provide education and support for a larger Wake County community.

RALEIGH, North Carolina – September 17th, 2015 – Wrapping up a search that has spanned the last several years, the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center has kicked off renovation work on a new facility to better serve the Wake County Special Needs community. Opting to repurpose an existing daycare facility rather than building from the ground up, Frankie Lemmon looks to save money throughout the process and use that to better supply the children with educational opportunities.

Opening in January of 2016, the new facility will look to provide more services on top of what Frankie Lemmon currently offers to everyone in its care. Speaking on behalf of the project, Executive Director Lenora Evans touches on this important milestone “When we saw this opportunity present itself, we knew it was the perfect solution for the needs of the school and for future growth.”

Specializing in helping children with special education needs as well as their families, the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center offers truly life-changing education and support that encompasses the entire child’s journey, leading to positive family, community, and life successes that unlock the child’s full potential.

With over 2,500 children with Special Needs in Wake County, the necessity for a larger scale operation serving a wider community base is a needed addition to Wake County.

Formerly housed in the WakeMed Child Care Center, the new facility will expand the therapies Frankie Lemmon offers to its students and their families while helping meet the community’s need for inclusive classrooms.

“Frankie Lemmon is recognized for incorporating technology and innovation into our curriculum, which we look forward to bringing to a broader audience of children with special needs in our community. says Traci Cortez, Annual Campaign and Communications Director. “When you look at the numbers, the amount of children placed in Wake County just kept growing. We needed to build a facility to suit those needs and now we have it,” echoes Lenora Evans, Executive Director again.

Construction has already started with the building being slated to be ready for move in shortly after the New Year.

Barry W. Gardner, EVP & CMO for Shelco LLC and Chair of Frankie Lemmon Foundation's Board of Directors, stated, "We are extremely excited to truly expand our enrollment for special needs children at FLS. Our new facility will allow us to grow and to offer some new programs for the families of Wake County. We thank all of our supporters and generous donors who have supported FLS for the last 50 years."

The Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center and their teaching staff are looking forward to open its doors and begin teaching in January of 2016 when the children return from the winter break.

About Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center

Since 1965, the mission of the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center has remained unchanged...to help preschool and kindergarten children with special needs achieve their full potential. A private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, and contract agent of North Carolina's Wake County Public School System, the school offers tuition-free instruction to eligible children from all socio-economic levels. The school is recognized for its expert teachers and specialists using innovative methods and tools in a positive, nurturing environment. The Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center has provided more than one million hours of education and support to children with special needs and their families.

For additional information about the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center please go to www.frankielemmonschool.org or call 919-845-8880.

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