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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS SELECTS THE 2009 NATIONAL CHILD CARE DIRECTOR & CENTER OF THE YEAR

AUSTIN, Texas – April 25, 2009 – The National Association of Child Care Professionals (NACCP) is pleased to recognize Kathleen Feigley and Kangaroo Kids Child Care and Learning Center in Branchburg, NJ as the 2009 NACCP National Child Care Director & Center of the Year.

Kangaroo Kids Child Care and Learning Center was founded in 1991. Kathleen Feigley has been the center director for 17 years. Kangaroo Kids serves children from 6 weeks to 8 years of age with a current enrollment of 127 children. The Center has been nationally accredited since 2002.

Ms. Feigley has a BA degree in Health & Physical Education, Teacher Certification, a Director's Certificate and credits toward a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Ms. Feigley has received numerous awards including the Rotary Public Relations Award (2007), Somerset County Outstanding Business Person of the year (2000) and was recognized by Somerset County as a "Woman of Achievement". Ms. Feigley supervises a staff of 23 teachers and 4 support staff at Kangaroo Kids. Kathleen feels that flexibility, strong communication skills, respect, team building and strong organization skills are all essential elements of good leadership. Several staff members at Kangaroo Kids have been with the program from 10-17 years.

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Kangaroo Kids Child Care and Learning Center strives to provide a creative, safe, fun, family-friendly, educational experience where children develop a love of learning in an environment that is positive, caring and professional. The Center works to keep up with the latest early childhood research on growth and development, while continually educating staff in Curriculum Standards and the proper techniques of a child-centered program.

Kangaroo Kids offers numerous opportunities for parents and families to be involved in the program including special events, daily communications, field trips, focus groups, assessment forms and community service projects. Each classroom has a community service effort they coordinate annually such as “Baby Bundles” for baby supplies, “Stuff the Bus” which provides school supplies, food drives and the “Giving Tree” where children create mittens to hang on a tree in the school with the name of a needy child in the Appalachian Community of West Virginia. Parents and children select a mitten off the tree and bring in a gift that will be delivered to a specific child in that community.

Robin Stephenson, President of the National Association of Child Care Professionals says, “Kathleen Feigley personifies the commitment to quality of the members associated with the National Association of Child Care Professionals. We are proud to honor someone with this level of excellence. NACCP believes that effective management is the critical link to *Superior Child Care* and Kangaroo Kids Child Care and Learning Center, led by its director, Kathleen Feigley is setting a high standard for providing superior child care. We congratulate Kathleen Feigley and

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Kangaroo Kids Child Care and Learning Center as the winner of the 2009 NACCP National Child Care Director & Center of the Year Award!"

Kangaroo Kids Child Care and Learning Center is located at 1047 Route 28, Branchburg, NJ. The phone number is 908-231-7800 and web address is www.kangarookidschildcare.com.

About the National Association of Child Care Professionals

NACCP is the nation's leader among associations serving child care owners, directors and administrators. The organization's goal is to strengthen and enhance the credibility of leaders in the field of early child care and education by providing membership services and benefits. For more information about NACCP, please visit www.naccp.org.

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