

Kids Kampus Dedicates Fourth Annual “KinderGarden”

Kids Kampus child care center of Huntington, “A Caring Place to Go and Grow!” broke ground in the fourth annual “KinderGarden” on Thursday, May 21st. The children and teachers of Kids Kampus kicked off Memorial Day weekend by beginning to plant their vegetable, herbs and fruit garden within walking distance of the child care center.

Kids Kampus Administrator Lisa Mettler, Jerry Harvey, who donated the land for the “KinderGarden”, Jim Scheiber, who donated many of the fruits, vegetables, and flowers to be used in the garden Jim’s son Nick was on hand as he used the garden as a special project and he is a Kids Kampus alumnus. Ed Farris Purdue Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator from the Purdue Extension office were on hand for the dedication. Kids Kampus would like to send a special thank you to Master Gardener Sharon Bowman who was unable to attend the dedication. Both Bowman and Farris have been instrumental in researching and educating Kids Kampus staff and children on gardening and assisting the children in planting. Kids Kampus would also like to spend a special thank you to Erich Eller who tilled the garden and provided plants, and was also unable to attend the dedication.

“We use gardening as an opportunity to build a love of nature and social interaction using edible instructional "tools",” stated Lisa Mettler, Administrator of Kids Kampus. “The garden provides a real world hands on experience to bridge academics with real life experiences. It takes the classroom outside where we can solve math problems, hypothesize and observe.” Mettler added.

The Kids Kampus Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, May 27th at LaFonatine Golf Club in Huntington with an Auction open to the public scheduled to begin at approximately 5:00. Auction Items include: Four Tickets in the Tiger Den to Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago Cubs in Detroit on Thursday, June 25th at 1:05 P.M., Two Notre Dame vs. Michigan State Tickets for the September 19th game in north end zone Section 1 row 21 seats 13 and 14, Tom Crean Autographed t-shirt, along with autographed memorabilia from Purdue University, Indianapolis Colts, Chicago Cubs, Indiana Pacers, Indy 500 and much more. For more information please call Kids Kampus at (260) 356-0123 or visit www.kidskampus.org.

For more information or to donate items to the “KinderGarden” please call Kids Kampus at 260-356-0123. Kids Kampus, Huntington, offers child care and preschool services to children from infancy to age 12. Kids Kampus, can be found on the web at www.kidskampus.org, and is a division of Pathfinder Services, Inc., a not-for-profit human services organization based in Huntington.