

Kids Kampus Dedicates Fifth Annual “KinderGarden”



Pathfinder Kids Kampus child care center of Huntington, “A Caring Place to Go and Grow!” broke ground in the fifth annual “KinderGarden” on Thursday, May 20th. The children and teachers of Pathfinder Kids Kampus kicked off the summer early this year 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, Erich Eller, who tilled and prepared the garden for planting as well as donated plants, and Gary Mast, Principal at Andrews Elementary School, whose kindergarten classes helped grow flowers and plants being planted in the garden were all on hand for the dedication.

Pathfinder Kids Kampus would also like to thank Jerry Harvey, who donated the land for the “KinderGarden” but was unable to attend.

“We use gardening as an opportunity for the children to build a love and understanding of nature and social interaction,” 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 children can continue to learn new and exciting things.” Mettler added.

Additionally, Pathfinder Kids Kampus will be offering the following programs this summer:

- **Summer Kamp** for children ages 5 through 12 at Kids Kampus from June 2nd through August 11th. The Kamp includes up to 50 hours of fun per week along with snacks, meals and a lot of activities.
- **Preschool Summer Kamp** is a program designed for preschool children to have fun learning from July 19th through August 6th. Children participating in this program can sign up for one, two or three weeks, and
- **Jump Start**, is a program held July 26th through August 6th for upcoming kindergartners and first graders to get a step ahead on school for next year. Children enrolling in this program also



can enroll for one, two or three weeks.

For more information or to donate items to the “KinderGarden” please call Kids Kampus at 260-356-0123. Pathfinder Kids Kampus, Huntington, offers early intervention services along with child care and preschool services for children from infancy to age 12. Pathfinder Kids Kampus is a Paths to QUALITY Provider and is the only licensed child care center in Huntington County. Pathfinder Kids Kampus can be found on the web at www.kidskampus.org and is a division of Pathfinder Services, a not-for-profit human and community development agency based in Huntington and serving Northeast Indiana.