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Little Star Center celebrates April autism awareness month with public appreciation campaign Big Stars for Little Star

Carmel, Ind.—March 27, 2014—Little Star Center, Indiana’s first center-based, therapeutic applied behavior analysis service provider serving children, teens and young adults with autism, is celebrating April’s autism awareness month with an appreciation campaign to recognize Hoosiers and national organizations that have made contributions toward advancing programs, services and understanding of autism in Indiana.

Little Star Center Big Stars include people, organizations and companies that have helped children and families affected by autism. Each Big Star is receiving a personal letter by April 1 to thank them. “We are truly grateful to each of these individuals and organizations. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States with 1 in 88 children diagnosed on the spectrum,” says Mary Rosswurm Little Star Center executive director. “Little Star is a non-profit organization. It’s because of the support from our Big Stars that we’re able to positively impact the lives of children, teens and young adults affected by autism.”

Since 2002, Little Star has impacted the lives of hundreds of learners with autism, building their skills and helping them to achieve milestones once believed impossible. Little Star has grown from one center in Carmel to three locations, including Lafayette and Bloomington, which opens this spring. A home-based ABA therapy service was added this winter. Along the way, Little Star has earned state and national acclaim.

Big Stars Campaign-PHOTO OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDIA

Little Star learners and professionals will be placing signs at the three Little Star Center facilities in April to demonstrate the impact of autism’s diagnosis: one yellow star for each child diagnosed with 87 surrounding blue stars for each unaffected child.

- Bloomington Stars Placement April 1
- Carmel Stars Placement by Learners April 7 at 10:30 a.m.
- Lafayette Stars Placement by Learners April 7 at 2:30 p.m.

The Little Star Center blog, Facebook and Twitter pages will feature 30 success stories, starting April 1, highlighting Little Star families, staff and Big Stars. To see the names of the Big Stars visit the webpage (www.LittleStarCenter.org/Big-Stars-Little-Star). Find the 30 days of success stories on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) (@LittleStarOrg).

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Little Star Center, located in Carmel and Lafayette, is Indiana's first center-based, applied behavior analysis facility focused on providing a place where kids with autism learn to live in the world and parents learn they are not alone. Little Star Center and sister facility Middle Star Center, which serve children and teens affected by autism, respectively, provide a nurturing, structured and therapeutic center. Statistics show autism is one of the most rapidly growing developmental disabilities in the United States with one in 88 children diagnosed each year. To learn more about the non-profit organization visit www.LittleStarCenter.org.

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