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5-STAR AWARD WINNER!

SYLVANIA COMMUNITY SERVICES' WOODROW PRESCHOOL EARNS TOP STEP UP TO QUALITY DESIGNATION WITH 5-STAR QUALITY RATING FROM STATE

SYLVANIA, OH – **Sylvania Community Services** is pleased to announce the awarding of a 5-Star Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) rating for the agency's Woodrow Preschool program. The quality rating is the highest achievable in the State of Ohio's quality rating system. Administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the SUTQ program recognizes learning and development programs that exceed preschool licensing health and safety regulations. Its standards are based on research that assesses what leads to improved outcomes for children.

"We've been working hard to provide our students with an enhanced creative learning environment and hands-on educational materials," said Catherine Hughes, Sylvania Child Care's preschool administrator. "In addition to teaching to the whole child through The Creative Curriculum, we provide our families with engagement opportunities at our center as well as at-home educational resources. It's exciting to have the effort we put into quality education rewarded."

Sylvania Community Services invites the whole community to celebrate its latest quality milestone on Monday, January 29 at 4:00 pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Woodrow Preschool. A 5-Star banner will be unveiled, and light refreshments will be served. The preschool is located at 5900 Woodrow Drive, off Erie Street, on the Memorial Park campus. Part of Sylvania Community Services' Sylvania Child Care program, Woodrow has been serving Sylvania families at its Memorial Park location since 2009.

A curriculum-based early childhood development center for ages 3 to 5 years located near downtown Sylvania, Woodrow students learn in and out of the classroom with grandparent visits, walking field trips, gardening, and other fun learning activities. The preschool recently received significant aesthetic and educational upgrades, including STEM activities, Learning Alive Zoo, and a magnetic wall, as well as enhanced teacher development and credentialing. The center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Sylvania Community Services Center, Inc. is a nonprofit organization overseeing Sylvania Child Care and Sylvania Senior Center. It was formed as a City of Sylvania, Sylvania Township, and Sylvania Board of Education joint venture and has served the Sylvania community since 1976. Sylvania Child Care offers safe, affordable before and after-school care, curriculum-based preschool, and extended break camp programs. Sylvania Senior Center provides health, social, educational, and recreational services to people 55 and over.