

Press Release – April 2012

### **Highlands Community Child Development Center Achieves Four Star Rating**

The Division of Child Development and Early Education for the state of North Carolina has granted the Highlands Community Child Development Center a four star license. After the most recent intensive inspection by the state the Center has moved from a three star program to a four star program. The Center has met most of the four star requirements since before moving to its current location in 2005 but the commitment to staff continuing education over the past several years made the center a candidate for the upgraded license. The four star license requires a lower teacher/child ratio, use of individual child centered Creative Curriculum, and meeting strict environmental standards along with a higher level of staff education.

“I am very pleased and excited about this development” said Nancy Bruns, President of the Board of Directors for the Center. “Pat Hedden, the Director of HCCDC, and her staff work hard every day to provide the best quality child care and learning environment for the children. I congratulate them on this important achievement!”

The Highlands Community Child Development Center provides high quality child care for 66 children ages 3 months to 5 years. Diverse learning experiences are tailored to each child’s needs. The Center serves children from Highlands and Cashiers, as well as Franklin, Sylva, Lake Toxaway and Rabun County, GA. HCCDC is located in Highlands on Church Street behind the First Presbyterian Church.