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Weinberg Academy Cuts Ribbon on New Learning Center
JCPS School at Home of the Innocents expands into new spaces

Louisville, Ky. (August 28, 2018) – Weinberg Academy, Home of the Innocents’ on-campus Jefferson County Public School (JCPS), has expanded. With \$500,000 in donations, including a leading gift from David Jones, Sr., the Learning Center provides customized spaces ensuring a better learning experience for children who are managing the after-effects of trauma.

“We have known this expansion was on the horizon since I arrived here two years ago,” explained Paul Robinson, President and CEO of Home of the Innocents. “With many of our residents attending our on-site school, Weinberg Academy was overflowing and we had to convert other rooms on campus into classrooms. By collaborating with JCPS, we designed a customized learning environment including two classrooms, an art room, and a library for our current students and those we will care for in the future.”

Weinberg Academy provides a tailored curriculum for children who have suffered trauma, allowing them to succeed in an educational environment in spite of their personal struggles. With Weinberg’s existing building and expanded Learning Center, the school is able to maintain a small student-teacher ratio to ensure a positive learning experience.

The Learning Center features two classrooms, a dedicated art space, and library with computers for independent learning. “The space provides students a wonderful environment where they can flourish in their education. In spite of what’s going on in their lives outside of school, they are able to continue their work with the resources provided by Home of the Innocents and our JCPS teachers,” shared Dr. Marty Pollio, JCPS Superintendent.

Home of the Innocents

Home of the Innocents enriches the lives of children and families with hope, health, and happiness. The Home provides a range of important residential and community-based programs. Serving more than 11,700 children and their families last year, Home of the Innocents provides a safe haven for at-risk children, pediatric medical care, clinical treatment services, crisis and intervention services, and

therapeutic loving foster care and adoption services. The Home also operates a pediatric convalescent center for children who are medically complex or terminally ill.

About Weinberg Academy

On the campus of Home of the Innocents, Weinberg Academy provides educational services to students in the emergency shelter or residential program. Students who attend Weinberg are unable to attend an off-site Jefferson County Public School for reasons including behavior/emotional issues and/or severe medical disabilities.

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RibbonCutting.jpg: (l-r) JCPS Superintendent Dr. Marty Pollio, Weinberg Academy Assistant Principal Miranda Waddell, Home of the Innocents President & CEO Paul Robinson, Mayor Greg Fischer, Home of the Innocents Executive Vice President Kelly Pullen, Assistant Superintendent Joe Leffert, and Weinberg Academy Principal Heather Moss cut the ribbon on the new Learning Center at Home of the Innocents' Weinberg Academy.

Classroom1.jpg: The Learning Center features two traditional classrooms, a library, and art center.

Library.jpg: The art center provides a space for art therapies with many different mediums.

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