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Tri-County Head Start Announces Name Change to Flowers Early Learning

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Paw Paw, MI – After 52 years of dedicated service to the community, Tri-County Head Start is proud to announce the changing of their name to Flowers Early Learning. This name change, revealed at the ribbon cutting for their new Millburg Early Childhood Education Campus, marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in their efforts to provide a high-quality, affordable preschool experience to more families throughout Southwest Michigan.

The decision to rebrand as Flowers Early Learning reflects its commitment to growth and its vision for the future. With this new identity, Flowers Early Learning aims to expand their reach and serve even more children and families throughout the region. The core mission, however, remains the same: to offer a nurturing and educational environment where every child can thrive.

Orion H. Flowers, beloved former director of Tri-County Head Start, dedicated 34 years to building the program from 96 to more than 1,000 students. His legacy of excellence and community service continues to inspire. By adopting his name, they are honoring his contributions and reaffirming their dedication to the values he embodied.

“We believe that every student deserves access to high-quality preschool education,” said Chanda Hillman, CEO and Executive Director. “Our new name, Flowers Early Learning, symbolizes growth, potential, and a brighter future for the children we serve. The change

also represents an important milestone in our ongoing commitment to provide exceptional early learning experiences to even more children.”

Flowers Early Learning will continue to serve Head Start eligible children, while expanding their programs and services to more children and families throughout Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. Their experienced and compassionate staff remains dedicated to supporting the developmental needs of each child, ensuring they are ready to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

“We invite the community to join us in celebrating this new beginning,” said Hillman. “Together, we can create a brighter future for our children and ensure that every child has the opportunity to flourish.

For more information about Flowers Early Learning and our programs, please visit our website at Flowersearlylearning.org or call (269) 657-2581.

About Flowers Early Learning: Flowers Early Learning, formerly known as Tri-County Head Start, has been a cornerstone of early childhood education in Cass, Van Buren, and Berrien counties for over 52 years. Their mission is to build a future where children, families, and communities thrive.

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