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USM's Ancilla Center for Children Celebrates 30 Years of Serving the Leavenworth Community

Open House and Celebration 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—USM's Ancilla Center for Children has hosted quite a few birthday parties over its lifespan. But the one coming up on Friday, Nov. 19, might be the biggest of all as staff, supporters, alums, and current center children and families gather at 7 p.m. to celebrate the Ancilla Center's 30th anniversary.

Ancilla staff would like to invite all past and present children, teachers, and parents to the Open House and celebration to share memories and pictures or simply join in the celebration. The Ancilla Center birthday party will be linked with the center's annual Thanksgiving Celebration, and will feature a host of birthday games and a birthday cake. The Open House and celebration are free and open to the public.

"We figured linking the birthday to Thanksgiving was a natural fit, as we'll be saying 'thanks' for the center's success," said Ancilla Center Director Sharon Dedeke. "We're giving thanks for 30 years of blessings."

The Ancilla Center is a state-licensed day care facility on the lower level of Maria Hall on USM's main campus, 4100 South 4th Street. It serves children between 2 ½ and 12 years of age.

The Center opened its doors on Sept. 2, 1980. It was intended to meet the child care needs of young women who were pursuing their college degrees, and was named for the late Mother Mary Ancilla Spoor of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth.

Call Sharon Dedeke at (913) 758-6113 if you're interested in attending the event, or know of Ancilla alums or families who may want to join in the celebration.

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