

**News about Masonic Homes of Kentucky**  
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**Sproutlings Day Care Center will bring services and jobs to**  
**Masonic Homes' Louisville campus**

LOUISVILLE (September 15, 2010) — With a ceremonial groundbreaking, Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care Center began growing on Masonic Homes' Frankfort Avenue campus. Slated to open in fall 2011, Sproutlings will reside in the newly constructed \$4.5 million Kosair Charities Center.

Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care Center will be a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) facility providing care for children ages six weeks through early teens. The center will provide care for 110 children, half of whom will be prescribed care by their physicians, along with 55 children without special needs.

“We were interested in providing on-campus day care services for our employees and discovered a need for prescribed pediatric day care in our community,” said Masonic Homes CEO Gary Marsh. Masonic Homes was awarded a Certificate of Need from Kentucky’s Cabinet for Families and Children to serve medically fragile children in the seven-county KIPDA area development district.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates nearly 20 percent of Kentucky children are affected by significant medical conditions that require consistent, daily nursing support and additional therapies. Despite the need, there is no consistent model for a PPEC facility, according to Marsh. “After researching successful pediatric day care programs across

the U.S., Masonic Homes has designed programming, staffing and spaces that will nurture and engage children, regardless of their challenges.”

Sproutlings will be staffed by approximately 50 people working two shifts to operate the center Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to midnight. RNs, LPNs and CNAs, as well as childcare education, transportation and administrative professionals, will provide an array of appropriate services and programming. These professionals will be focused on meeting the medical, developmental, physical, nutritional and social needs of the children who require traditional day care, as well as intermittent, short- or long-term care. These services will be provided within 13,900 square feet of dedicated space plus an additional 6,000 square feet of space outdoors in a covered arcade area.

Situated south of existing Masonic Home Village apartments, Sproutlings Day Care Center will occupy the entire first floor of the Kosair Charities Center. Kosair Charities committed \$1 million toward the \$4.5 million construction cost of the project.

### **About Masonic Homes of Kentucky**

Founded in 1867, Masonic Homes of Kentucky is a leader in senior living services including independent living, assisted living, personal care and long-term skilled nursing care. It owns and operates Masonic Home of Louisville, Masonic Home of Shelbyville, Masonic Home Village, Spring Hill Village Retirement Community and Select Home Care Options in Ashland. For more information about the Masonic Homes of Kentucky visit [www.masonichomesky.com](http://www.masonichomesky.com).

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