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## **Senator Eric Schmitt presents 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation to Edgewood Children's Center**

St. Louis, MO (July 15, 2009)—State Senator Eric Schmitt presented Edgewood Children's Center's Board of Directors with a Senate Proclamation to acknowledge Edgewood's 175 years of service to Missouri children and families. Receiving the proclamation was Clark Davis, Vice Chairman of HOK, and Chairman of Edgewood's Board of Directors.

“Sen. Schmitt is known as a friend and advocate for children and families across the State of Missouri,” said Wayne Crull, Edgewood President & CEO.

Sen. Schmitt recently sponsored Senate Bill 157, which was signed into law this month. The new law provides autism spectrum disorder services to approximately 2,500 families statewide. His advocacy on behalf of children with autism and other developmental disabilities has been a great benefit to children served by Edgewood.

Edgewood is using 2009 as a year-long platform to celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please visit [www.eccstl.org](http://www.eccstl.org) for details on how to join in the celebration.

### **About Edgewood Children's Center**

Founded in 1834, Edgewood Children's Center provides compassionate care and treatment to restore children and strengthen families through intensive therapy, special education, residential treatment, case management and support services. Edgewood serves more than 300 children and family members daily. Many of the children served have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused, neglected or abandoned. Edgewood is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, nonsectarian, United Way agency. [www.eccstl.org](http://www.eccstl.org)