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The Saigh Foundation Awards Edgewood Children's Center \$15,000 for Children's Healthcare

St. Louis (November 11, 2009) – The Saigh Foundation has awarded Edgewood Children's Center a \$15,000 grant which will be used towards Edgewood's Healthcare Program. To date, The Saigh Foundation has given a total \$180,000 to Edgewood.

Like all children, Edgewood's kids have regular healthcare needs that must be taken care of on a daily basis. However, due to their histories of trauma, Edgewood's children often have more extensive healthcare needs, and meeting those needs is vital to their treatment. Approximately 160 children receive services through the healthcare program.

“The Saigh Foundation's support ensures that each of our children receives the attention and care needed to lead a productive and fulfilling life,” said Maria Nash, director of special education at Edgewood.

The mission of The Saigh Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in the St. Louis metropolitan region through support for charitable projects and initiatives which primarily benefit children and youth through education and health care. The Foundation is particularly interested in stimulating the development of new ventures, as well as in supporting organizations that feature innovative approaches or programs.

The foundation was created by Fred M. Saigh to serve as a legacy of the gifts he gave throughout his lifetime to the St. Louis community. Fred Saigh was known as an extraordinarily generous man. He touched the lives of many people he barely knew by sensing their need for assistance and offering help at critical times in their lives. The Saigh Foundation's support promises a healthy future for the children of Edgewood.

“Fred would be so proud to support this program,” said JoAnn Hejna, executive director of The Saigh Foundation. “This is exactly why he formed the foundation. The children are our future and so many need help to achieve their goals.”

About Edgewood Children's Center

This year, Edgewood Children's Center celebrates 175 years of keeping kids at the heart of everything we do. Founded in 1834, Edgewood 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. On October 1, 2009, Edgewood merged operations with Boys & Girls Town of Missouri. This partnership creates a new parent organization (yet to be named) that can include a family of agencies, beginning with Boys & Girls Town and Edgewood Children's Center, enabling each agency to retain its individual identity and name. Edgewood is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, nonsectarian, United Way agency. www.eccstl.org

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