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Word  
of Righteousness  
*Family Life Center*

**WORFLC will get Center**

*Old Roosevelt School soon to become Word of Righteousness Family Life Center*

GARFIELD HEIGHTS (July 6, 2009) -- As a result of an auction that occurred on July 3, 2009, the decommissioned Roosevelt Elementary School located at 13455 Dressler Avenue (formerly known as Garfield Heights Community Center) will soon become Word of Righteousness Family Life Center.

The faith-based non-profit organization, also known as WORFLC, emerged as the successful bidder with a bid of \$60,000 (which became a purchase price of \$63,000 upon the inclusion of the auction fees). The school board approved the sale at a special meeting on July 6, 2009.

For the past few years, the organization has provided substantive community services to the residents of Garfield Heights and surrounding cities, despite challenges with space. In fact, they have been serving the community outdoors for the past few months. Their service highlights include:

- \* distributing more than 30,000 pounds of food
- \* distributing hundreds of coats and clothing items, as well as hundreds of toys, to families
- \* conducting workshops on financial literacy, credit repair and home ownership
- \* offering parenting training, life skills and group support to the community

Alicia M. Lytle, executive director of WORFLC comments, "We are delighted to be acquiring a facility that will support the planned expansion of programs and services, which include: (a) housing and public benefits assistance; (b) child enrichment and early learning development; (c) adult education and computer training, job training and placement; and (d) youth sports and recreational activities. WORFLC may now realize the goal of becoming a fully functioning faith-based family life center."

Dr. Lytle describes the family life center "as a place where the spiritual, social, educational, financial and recreational needs of the community will be met." Complete details of the plan for the center are available on their website at [www.worflc.org/plan.htm](http://www.worflc.org/plan.htm).

She concludes, "Our country is facing some significant challenges that can only be overcome as we restore our sense of community and work together to make a change. We are calling upon the residents of Garfield Heights to get involved in our efforts to rebuild the community. There are many service opportunities which can be explored on our website at [www.worflc.org/opps.htm](http://www.worflc.org/opps.htm). With renewed support, WORFLC will become a stronger partner to supplement and complement vital services and programs through community, corporate and government partnerships."

In addition to volunteer opportunities, the center will also create jobs, as it will create executive, administrative, custodial, social work, child care, teaching, training, tutoring, coaching and many other positions. The renovation of the center will create labor opportunities for skilled workers, as well. Moreover, once the center is fully operational, individuals throughout Greater Cleveland will become fully equipped to gain employment with supportive services ranging from legal assistance to clothing assistance to enable them to overcome common barriers to employability.

WORFLC, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, can receive correspondence and donations by regular mail at WORFLC, P.O. Box 25584, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125, or online at [www.worflc.org/index.htm](http://www.worflc.org/index.htm). The organization's volunteer applications, employment applications and Facebook page can all be accessed from their website. Individuals can sign up to receive updates and additional information from the website's contact page, as well.

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### *About Word of Righteousness Family Life Center, Inc.*

WORFLC is a faith-based non-profit organization in Garfield Heights, Ohio. Their mission is to provide quality support services to enrich the lives of families throughout Northeast Ohio. The center currently offers assistance with food, parenting skills, financial literacy and other forms of support. Plans to renovate a recently acquired facility and expand its programs and services are currently underway. Those seeking additional information about the organization are invited to visit their website at [www.worflc.org/index.htm](http://www.worflc.org/index.htm).

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