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Early Learning Care Facilitates Economy and Community Despite Pandemic

Non-Profit Early Learning Center Means Parents Can Work and Participate in Community

Lake Country, BC, October 14, 2020-The Little Owl Society, DBA Elowyn, is addressing a dire need for early learning spaces in Lake Country, despite challenges presented by Covid-19. Elowyn, in concert with construction, building and governmental resources, managed to overcome a myriad of Covid-related challenges. Staff shortages, constrained schedules and additional restrictions caused by the Pandemic were overcome with persistence and commitment. Elowyn opened its new non-profit early learning centre on Pollard Road in partnership with The Little Owl Academy Ltd. on October 5th, 2020. Little Owl Academy Ltd. managed the project, designed to address the struggles faced by working parents, pursuing child care in the Central Okanagan.

“As obstacles and delays arose during the build, we were reminded of the consequences faced by families and employers. Families and their Littles deserve access to the very best care available.”

Amanda Worms, Elowyns Executive Director and Owner/Operator of 3 Little Owl Academy early learning centres in the valley. Parents with consistent childcare are positioned to both fuel the local employment economy and serve in community volunteer positions. Elowyn will offer 24 infant/toddler spaces, 50 spaces for children ages three years to kindergarten and 24 school-aged spaces. Funds awarded by the Minister of Children and Family Development were utilized to perform extensive renovations for the new 98 space facility, which includes meeting space for community partners, who are similarly enabling resilience in parents or families.

Elowyn, a Cornish word meaning Elm Tree or Happy House, is a non-profit organization serving families seeking quality early learning, care and community connection in the Central Okanagan.

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