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City of Emery Purchases Building to Relocate Daycare

EMERY, SD, February 23, 2017 – The Little Learner’s Preschool and Daycare will be relocating this spring with the help of a Rural Economic Electric Development (REED) loan through Central Electric Cooperative. Central Electric was one of two lenders to the preschool and daycare center with a total project cost of \$100,000.

The preschool and daycare are currently housed in property owned by the Emery School District. The school district is making improvements and expanding and therefore the daycare needed to relocate. The City of Emery purchased a building and is remodeling it to fit the needs of a daycare and preschool. The daycare has operated as a state licensed childcare center under the city since October of 2000.

The Little Learner’s Preschool and Daycare currently serves 45 children and is the only preschool program in the Emery area. The newly acquired building is 3200 square feet and will adequately serve the needs of the daycare.

Central Electric Manager, Ken Schlimgen said, “We are happy to help fill a gap in a rural community. Concern for community is one of the seven cooperative principles. It’s an example of the city, school and economic development coming together for the good of the people in our rural communities.”

The new daycare will officially open in March and will have room for additional students, an onsite kitchen and an updated floor plan with greater separation of ages. For information about the daycare or preschool program you can call Daycare Director Lisa Schleich at 605-449-4111 or visit www.cityofemerysd.com.

About Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Rural Electric Economic Development Fund:

Central Electric Cooperative, a not-for-profit electric cooperative, serves the rural areas of Davison, Sanborn, Hanson, Jerauld, Aurora, Brule, Buffalo and Miner Counties. The REED Fund, a joint economic development fund managed by Central Electric and 21 other electric cooperatives in South Dakota and Minnesota, is used to fund projects to promote economic development and enhance the lives of people in rural communities.

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