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Lightbridge Academy® Announces Plan for New Child Care Center in Centerville, Ohio

CENTERVILLE, OH – <u>Lightbridge Academy®</u>, the innovative and fast-growing early childhood education and child care franchise, has reached another significant milestone in its ongoing expansion, with the announcement of a new center planned for Centerville, Ohio. This exciting development is part of a five-unit franchise agreement signed by franchisees <u>Maulik (Max) Patel and Naimishkumar (Nick)</u> <u>Patel</u> for Cincinnati, Ohio.

"In July of last year, Nick and Max Patel embarked on a journey with us as multi-unit franchise owners," said <u>Craig Murray</u>, Chief Development Officer of Lightbridge Academy. "I'm thrilled to announce that the journey has brought us to a point where we now expect our Mason, OH location to open in early 2024 and where a Purchase and Sale agreement has been executed in Centerville, OH."

The development signifies the successful alignment and collaboration of all teams and departments within the organization, Murray says. <u>Lightbridge</u>

<u>Academy</u> proactively leases real estate sites at the corporate level before franchise owners are signed. This strategy allows the brand to leverage its development partnerships and ensure a faster launch for new franchisees. Within just 60 days of the Patels signing their agreement, for example, the team already had a site under Letter of Intent (LOI) for their first center in Mason, OH.

"Bringing our Circle of Care philosophy to the Cincinnati market and creating speed to market has been a shared goal for all of us," Murray said. "The development team has been leading the way, but it's the combined effort of everyone involved that ensures the successful execution and delivery of our projects."

The Lightbridge Academy team anticipates adding over 20 territories across various target markets in the Buckeye State. As it grows, Lightbridge Academy continues to uphold its commitment to offering industry-leading early education and child care services to communities with high-quality educational programs, advanced technology and rigorous health and safety measures, reinforcing Lightbridge Academy's role as The Solution for Working Parents®.

"We are thrilled to work with franchisees like Nick and Max Patel to combine our efforts, continue to grow and provide exceptional care to the communities we serve," said Murray. "Now, we plan on keeping up the great work as we move forward with our expansion plans in Ohio and beyond."

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About Lightbridge Academy®:

Established in 1997, Lightbridge Academy was founded as a family business, with a Circle of Care philosophy that prioritizes the needs of children, their families, teachers, center owners, and the community. Now celebrating 26 years in operation, Lightbridge Academy provides top-tier early education and childcare programs to children aged six weeks through kindergarten. The company currently has over 140 childcare centers either open or in development throughout multiple states. Lightbridge Academy's steadfast commitment to quality child care and early education has seen the company receive numerous awards, including placements on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies and Newsweek's list of America's Best Customer Service.