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(Madison) The doors are about to open much wider in South Central Wisconsin for special needs families and their special children. Gio's Garden, a one-of-a-kind facility developed specifically for these children, **will open June 3rd, 2012.**

Gio's Garden is a respite care facility for children ages birth to 6-years-old. The facility will allow parents of these angels to leave them in specialized care for a few hours each week. This gives the children a much-needed break from their very stressed out parents. It also gives the parents a little time to take care of themselves; some time to take a break from the 24/7 care their children need. Parents will have up to 16 hours a month to run errands, sleep, spend time with their other children or go on a date with their partner knowing their special needs child is the hands of professionally trained caregivers.

Founded by WISC-TV anchor Charlotte Deleste, her husband and the parents of other special needs children in the area, Gio's Garden raised \$250,000 in less than two years to make this dream a reality. After being told her son, Giovanni, was not "disabled enough" to get in-home respite care, despite his more than 70 seizures a day and autism, Deleste decided something had to be done to help other struggling families. The first step was creating the respite care facility. The next step is turning Gio's Garden into a "one-stop shop" for parents to learn about all the other non-profits in the area that might be able to help. Dane County has many wonderful organizations that do not have the funds to promote themselves properly. Gio's Garden will be there to help!

Please join us for a special Open House to learn more about the facility, meet the workers as well as the board for Gio's Garden and tour the wonderful home in Middleton!

Gio's Garden Open House

2028 Parmenter St.

Middleton, WI 53562

June 3rd, 2012

12:00pm-4:00pm

Ribbon Cutting 12:30PM

(Please park on Parmenter or the public lot behind the Middleton Fire Station)

For interview opportunities, please contact Ron Giordan

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