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The Baby Fold to Unveil New Sensory Room for Special Education Students

NORMAL, IL. — Members of the media are invited to join The Baby Fold for the unveiling of a new, custom-built sensory room at Hammitt School on Oglesby. Made possible through the generosity of Susan Hoblit and Larry Collins, the new space is designed to help students with autism and/or developmental disabilities regulate their sensory needs so they can better engage, learn and thrive at school.

WHAT: McLean County Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting and unveiling of The Baby Fold's new sensory room at Hammitt School on Oglesby.

WHEN: August 25, 2026 at 4:00 PM

WHERE: Hammitt School on Oglesby, 612 Oglesby Avenue, Normal, Illinois

WHO: Donors Susan Hoblit and Larry Collins, The Baby Fold leadership and staff, and representatives from the McLean County Chamber of Commerce.

WHY: Hammitt Schools serve special education students from across Central Illinois with significant emotional, behavioral and developmental needs. The new sensory room provides a specially designed environment where students can regulate, reset and prepare to return to learning.

VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES: Ribbon cutting and first look inside the custom-built sensory room, featuring specialized equipment and spaces designed to support students' sensory needs.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES: Donors Susan Hoblit and Larry Collins; Clete Winkelmann, President and CEO of The Baby Fold; and Sam Guillory, Vice President of Development and Public Relations.

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About The Baby Fold: The Baby Fold serves 1,200 children and families annually throughout Central Illinois through special education, foster care, adoption support and preservation, early childhood services, and other programs that strengthen children and families.