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Stop in to tour  
our building and  
see what's new!



## What's New?



- We have experienced a high volume of calls and tours after our mailing. There has been a peeked interest for enrollment with lots of 'Parent Packs' being given. Parents are both excited and nervous about our center. It's hard for a parent to commit without a concrete date of operation. Enrollment at this time is setting at 13 children that are a mixture of part and full timers, two babies that are not born yet, and a few Summer Camp kids. We have had parents who have needed care immediately walk away disappointed having had wanted to enroll and start right away. It truly looks like, "If you build it, they will come" for Open Arms! We are projecting a March 15th opening date with these kiddos.



- We were blessed with good applicants for the positions that needed to be filled. We found Shannon Hansen who will now serve as our cook. Shannon is from Valley Springs and worships over at the Beaver Creek Lutheran Church. She has 4 children; a son Devon 23, a daughter Danielle 21, a son Travis 19, and a daughter Nichole 5. Shannon has been a cook at two other day care centers and for the Brandon Valley High School. We are excited to have Shannon begin to organize our kitchen and take on the state paperwork for our food reimbursement program!



- The classrooms are looking like classrooms SLOWLY, they are really taking shape! It is so exciting to see it transform before my eyes. I've enjoyed looking through the donations we have received thus far. We continue to accept donations on an on-going basis at this time. We welcome any "gently" used and all new donations based on the list that was published in the February newsletter. If you have any questions on any items, please call the office and I would love to discuss it with you. Thank you to those who have already contributed, we really appreciate your support.



- I want to thank EVERYONE (I'm not even going to TRY to name all of you!) for all of the kind words of encouragement and invested time you have given to me and to Open Arms. Sometimes that is all that has kept me going through the tough frustrating times! This is a HUGE undertaking and sometimes trying to do it to MY best and in glory is very overwhelming for me, my family, and to the rest of the staff. I truly appreciate all the time given into putting together cribs, cubbies, cleaning, meals prepared, and every other task that you have fulfilled over and beyond what your committee has asked of you and your full time job outside of the church! It comforts me to have such support and to see you all working together like a well oiled machine. You have all truly blessed me as I've watched you BE the hands and feet of Jesus.