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**NACCP AWARDS ACCREDITATION TO
ST. PAUL'S NURSERY SCHOOL OF FAIRFIELD**

FAIRFIELD, CT, October 14 – St. Paul's Nursery School of Fairfield, Inc. has been awarded accreditation from The National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC), the school announced today.

As a NAC accredited center, St. Paul's Nursery School has been recognized as an early care and education program that exemplifies excellence in the care of young children. In order to receive NAC accreditation, a school must demonstrate a high quality program for children that exceeds state licensing requirements; provide professional development opportunities for staff; and offer children an environment that is conducive to their individual growth and development. The rigorous accreditation process included a self-study in which administrators, staff and parents evaluated the program in accordance with NAC standards. This was followed by an on-site observation by an early childhood professional and a final assessment by national commissioners. St. Paul's is one of only three pre-schools in the state of Connecticut that are currently accredited by the NAC, which is managed by the National Association of Child Care Professionals.

“We are honored to have received this recognition from the NAC,” says Tove Vanderblue, co-director of St. Paul's Nursery School. “As we prepare to celebrate our 40th anniversary in Fairfield, we are very proud of our history of excellence and our exceptional teaching staff.”

“NAC accreditation benefits everyone involved,” adds Margee Ready, co-director of St. Paul's Nursery School. “Parents can be confident that our school meets the highest standards, the teachers at St. Paul's gain from ongoing professional development, and the children at our school thrive in a positive environment that lays the foundation for life-long learning.”

The National Association of Child Care Professionals is the nation's leader among associations serving child care owners, directors, and administrators. The organization's goal is to improve, enhance and strengthen the credibility of the people who lead the child care industry by providing membership services and benefits. For more information about NAC Accreditation, visit www.naccp.org or contact Janice Esau, Director of Accreditation at 1-800-537-1118.

Established in 1969, St. Paul's Nursery School of Fairfield, Inc. is a non-sectarian school serving children from three to five years old, with the goal of helping them develop into self-confident, curious and productive members of society who are kind, empathetic and considerate of others. The school is located at 661 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut, on the Fairfield Town Hall Green. For more information contact Directors Margee Ready or Tove Vanderblue at (203) 255-1902, or visit www.stpaulsfairfield.org.