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### ***Medical Director needed for the Joshua Child and Family Development Center***

The Joshua Center is currently seeking the collaboration of at least one Child Psychiatrist to serve clients at the Joshua Center. We will provide the following support:

- Telephone support
- Schedule appointments and make reminder calls
- Counseling and education support with Mike Sumler
- Office space provided with a mutually agreed upon financial commitment
- Use of all office equipment
- Phone and Internet access

### ***Mission Statement***

The Joshua Child and Family Development Center is a non-profit organization that supports programs designed to improve the lives of individuals and families living with the diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome, and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

### ***Joshua Center Story***

While much progress has been made in diagnosing and treating Tourette Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome, and the associated disorders, there is still a desperate need for research, treatment facilities, professional development, education and positive social interactions. Experiencing this desperate need firsthand, parents and counselors founded the Joshua Child and Family Development Center, Inc., in 1996, a non-profit organization devoted to providing medical, counseling and educational services for individuals and families affected by these disorders. We continue to see clients from six states.

### ***Current Programs***

Until just recently, the Joshua Center had served as an Outreach Treatment Clinic for Children's Mercy Hospital; a collaboration since 1999. Therefore, we are in need of a child psychiatrist to see clients at the Joshua Center a minimum of two days a week. Currently, we have a waiting list of fifty and many of our current clients have expressed an interest in continuing to see a doctor at the Joshua Center.

The Joshua Center has assisted over 3,000 children and their families in the following areas:

- Telephone support by staff knowledgeable in the disorders for both parents and professionals
- Provide referrals for evaluations and management with a collaborative setting for the counselor and psychiatrist as they work with the special needs of the Tourette Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder clients
- Counseling services provided by Mike Sumler, a professional therapist trained to address the special needs of our clients in a collaborative environment
- Education services that include school observation visits, staff development for teachers and annual conferences for parents, mental health professionals and teachers
- Publications, including books for addressing both home and school needs, and an e-newsletter
- Information and education for the community, both locally and nationally, through conferences, speaking engagements, publications, telephone support, and through our website
- Monthly Parent Support Group, Social Skills Classes and an annual five-day overnight ACA accredited summer camp for children with a primary diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome, ages 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The Joshua Center believes in a collaborative environment. We are asking you to assist us by providing names of interested medical professionals. Thank you in advance for your time. For additional information, or to schedule an interview, please feel free to contact Becky Ottinger, Executive Director at (816) 763-7605 or via email at [beckyjc@kc.rr.com](mailto:beckyjc@kc.rr.com).

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