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Center Child Care Provider of the Year for 2009 Presented to Laurie Marinkov, St. James Child Care & Learning Center

LutherCare is pleased to announce that Laurie Marinkov, the toddler teacher at St. James Child Care & Learning Center, was named recently Lebanon's Center Child Care Provider of the Year for 2009.

Lebanon Valley Association for the Education of Young Children made the announcement at their annual banquet. This is the third year in a row that St. James Child Care & Learning Center, 130 Walton Street, Lebanon, PA had a teacher or administrator named as a provider of the year. Lebanon's Administrator of Year in 2007 was Jennifer Witmer and in 2008, Pre-School Teacher of the Year was Melissa Maransky.

A parent of one of the children in Laurie's room nominated her as well as Laurie's coworkers. Ms Marinkov's classroom of older toddlers is always a busy place with play and learning going hand-in-hand. Laurie is a highly qualified teacher who understands child development and is able to give children what they need at any given time. She takes the time to play with the children while teaching them new concepts and ideas. She loves to be hands-on with her toddlers to give them the experiences they need at that age. Laurie makes sure that each child in her classroom is loved and cared for in a special way. She also provides them with the skills that they need to move along in life. Ms Marinkov has a great knowledge of early childhood and it shows through the great job she does and the relationship with each of her children.

For more information on St. James Child Care and Learning Center, contact Jennifer Witmer at 717.272.4778.

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