

WINNER FOR CHILD CARE/LEARNING CENTER

## Pine Hills Learning Place builds on success

Pine Hills Learning Place has won first place again in the Child Care/Learning Center category in the 2013 Fort Wayne Newspapers Reader's Choice content, and that's not the only big news there.

In July, the center broke ground on a renovation that will enlarge the size of its classrooms and make other major improvements to the building.

"Parents and other community members have recognized Pine Hills Learning Place as the No. 1 center in Fort Wayne for six years in a row because of the wonderful staff and program we have here," said Director Debra Ingram.

"Pine Hills Learning Place desires to participate in Indiana's child care qual-



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Pine Hills Learning Place broke ground in July 2013 for a major renovation to enlarge classrooms and make other improvements to the building.

ity rating and improvements system called Paths to Quality but has been hampered for one major reason — the classrooms

are too small. With this renovation, we will be creating bright and spacious classrooms that meet state standards," said Steve Shaf-

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fer, the executive pastor at Pine Hills Church.

The center offers before- and after-school care as well as a kindergarten class provided by two degreed kindergarten teachers.

Both full- and part-time preschool programs are offered. The renovation will also add the center's first-ever infant room to the ministry that began in 1976.

The Christian-based program is a ministry of Pine Hills Church. The program provides Christian

faith-based high-quality education and care in a safe, nurturing, challenging and loving environment.

Two playgrounds offer outdoor fun, and a gymnasium serves physical education needs, testimony to the center's emphasis on promoting children's health by encouraging and supporting healthier physical activity and nutrition practices for the children in its care.

Information about the national preschool curricula used at Pine Hills Learning Place is available on its website, as are details about transportation available for all the surrounding schools and its summer Day Camp program.

"We thank the parents for their confidence in us," Ingram said.