



Executive Director Mary Rosswurm welcomes guests Monday to ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Little Star Center, 3922 Mezzanine Drive, in the Cascada Business Park in Lafayette. Little Star Center is a nonprofit center for children with autism. (BY JOHN TERHUNE/JOURNAL & COURIER)

## New autism treatment center preps for open house

An autism treatment center that opened in Carmel in 2002 is taking its first step outside the Indianapolis area — to Lafayette.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held Monday afternoon for Little Star Center, which is open for business in the Cascada Business Park. The event was sponsored by Greater Lafayette Commerce.

“When we were looking for a second location, we kept hearing, ‘Lafayette, Lafayette.’ We did two community interest meetings and found there was a lot of need,” said Mary Rosswurm, Little Star Center executive director. “The response has been overwhelming.”

With 10 employees, and plans to double that number, the nonprofit center has a maximum capacity of 12 learners. It already is serving children that range in age from 2 to 9.

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**MARY ROSSWURM,**  
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wurm said. “We’re bringing a service to Lafayette and bringing this to reality. We’ve met some incredible people in Lafayette.”

Plans are being made to provide an outside play area for learners.

### **BUSINESS NAME**

Little Star Center

### **ABOUT THE BUSINESS**

April is Autism Awareness

Month, and Little Star Center will hold a grand opening at its Lafayette facility from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

People will have an opportunity to tour the building and meet the staff. Refreshments will be served.

Little Star Center provides services based on Applied Behavior Analysis, an intensive behavioral intervention for individuals with autism as the treatment of choice for children of all ages. It provides year-round therapeutic intervention and various other programs for children with autism.

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