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Successful Ribbon Cutting/Open House for The Carousel at Dunbar School

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Kansas City, September 8, 2016: The Carousel and Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for The Carousel's new adult day care center this morning. More than 50 attendees celebrated The Carousel's new home at the former Dunbar school site, 5419 E. 36th Street, including Dr. Mark Bedell, KCPS Superintendent of Schools; County Executive Frank White; Councilmember Quinton Lucas; former State Senator Yvonne Starks Wilson; former Councilmembers Melba Curls and Alvin Brooks; and current clients of The Carousel.

"We are excited that by relocating to the former Dunbar school site, The Carousel will be able to expand its operations to serve more individuals in the Kansas City community," said Superintendent Dr. Mark Bedell. "While the redevelopment of some of our school sites into condos or office space tends to get more publicity, the reuse of closed school sites by local nonprofits are events that call for celebration!"

The Carousel has been in operation since 2001 and provides adult day care services and outpatient dementia care for approximately 40 elderly persons as well as people with disabilities. The Carousel has been located at the former Haven's Steel administrative building since 2011. The new location will allow The Carousel to expand its program to approximately 80 clients and provide a specialty unit for disabled veterans.

