

## **Judevine Center for Autism Opens New Therapy Clinic**

## "Roots on Craig" to Accommodate Growth and Increase of Services

Maryland Heights, MO- December 8, 2016 - Judevine Center for Autism has expanded offices at the Craig Road location in order to make room for a new clinic for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Speech/Language Therapy (ST) services. The grand opening is Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, with an open house from 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM. The clinic, "Roots on Craig," includes designated areas for gross motor needs, sensory needs, reading, younger children structured play, and older client work and recreation stations. Additional rooms are available to provide for a more controlled environment, therapy observations, assessments, and parent training.

In October 2016, Judevine employees at 1810 Craig Road moved to newly renovated offices on-site. The original offices were reorganized with Roots on Craig housed in an adjacent suite with a separate entrance. Clinic Coordinator Monica Doerr, MS, CCC-SLP, RBT, and Director of ABA Services Sian Price, BS, BCaBA, LaBA lead the design and program development, under the direction of VP of Programs Lisa Goolsby, MS, BCBA, LBA, and President/Director Rebecca Blackwell, MS, BCBA, LBA, with assistance from Executive Administrator Karen Draeger and Insurance Specialist Ashley Bateman.

Founded in 1971 and reconfigured in 2009, Judevine currently provides a variety of services throughout Missouri. Services include ABA therapy, community integration, individual supported living, consultation, social skills groups, speech therapy, employment training, parent training, and respite. Judevine Center for Autism is the premier provider of autism services around the state, with hubs in St. Louis County, Jefferson County, Springfield, Branson West, Joplin, Kirksville, and Hannibal.

President/Director Rebecca Blackwell, MS, BCBA, LBA, daughter of late Lois Judevine Blackwell, founder of Judevine Center for Autism, states that the opening of Roots on Craig is an exciting opportunity for Judevine Center for Autism to further meet the needs of individuals and families. "This clinic is another layer of support provided to families within the community. We are continuously evolving and looking for more ways to have a positive impact, and Roots on Craig embodies the dedication, and passion, our team has for our mission as we continue to grow."

Judevine plans to use this increased space to continue to build and expand clinical services, including seasonal therapy programs during school breaks and a renewal of training opportunities. The grand opening is Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, with an open house from 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM, 1810 Craig Road Suite 125, Maryland Heights, MO, 63146. Refreshments will be served and staff will be available for tours and questions. Please contact Monica Doerr at <a href="mailto:mdoerr@judevine.org">mdoerr@judevine.org</a>, 314-588-8986, with additional questions. <a href="www.judevine.org">www.judevine.org</a>