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**Uplift Education celebrates opening of Infinity Preparatory in Irving South**  
*Public charter school to grow K-12 feeder pattern to serve 2,000 students in community*

**DALLAS (October 25, 2011)** –Uplift Education celebrated the grand opening Infinity Preparatory today with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the school, located at MacArthur and Shady Grove in Irving South. Infinity Preparatory is one of two new tuition-free, public charter schools opened by Uplift Education for the 2011-12 school year – bringing the Dallas-based charter school operator to 20 schools in North Texas.

“Infinity Preparatory is the beginning of Uplift Education’s plan to provide nearly 2,000 scholars in the Irving South community with access to a free, college-preparatory education,” said CEO Yasmin Bhatia. “Our presence in Irving South will ultimately grow to provide the full K-12 continuum. When Uplift moves into a new community, part of the commitment that we make to that community is that we will provide their students with a full K-12 education so that they are able to stay in their Uplift school through graduation and on to college.”

Infinity Prep opened with kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade for its inaugural school year, and currently has more than 200 students enrolled. While the school is building out a wide variety of extracurricular activities and sports for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to enjoy, most parents cite Uplift Education’s track record of 100 percent college acceptance among its graduates as their reason for choosing to enroll their student in the new school. A few spots are still available for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in transferring into Infinity Prep. Uplift Education ultimately plans to grow its presence in Irving South to include one Upper School with grades 6-12 and two Primary Schools with grades K-5.

While located in a previous church building, Infinity Preparatory is a public charter school – with no religious affiliations. The location does, however, showcase the Uplift Education’s entrepreneurial and innovative spirit in taking favorable real estate opportunities and converting unique locations into high performing schools. Infinity Preparatory’s sister school, North Hills Preparatory in North Irving, was once the location of horse stables. The school now ranks as the 10<sup>th</sup> best public high school in America according to both *Newsweek* and the *Washington Post*. Uplift Education is committed to continuing this model for student success at Infinity Preparatory.

Infinity Preparatory was made possible through extensive support from the Irving community and a generous donation from an anonymous donor.

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For more information on Infinity Preparatory, families can visit the school at 1401 S. MacArthur, or contact the school at 469-621-9200 or [www.infinityprep.org](http://www.infinityprep.org).

<<**Photos available:** High resolution stock photography of Infinity Prep students and photos from the ribbon cutting event are available online at <http://www.uplifteducation.org/infinityribboncutting>. These photos are approved for media use.>>

### **About Uplift Education**

Uplift Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating a network of 20 tuition-free, college-preparatory, public charter schools in Dallas, Arlington and Irving. Its schools provide a rigorous, multi-disciplinary curriculum, with an emphasis on college preparation – **100% of graduates are accepted to college**. Uplift Education currently educates more than 5,700 students, with the majority being low-income and minority students who will be the first in their family to attend college.

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