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Governor Lemanu Attends Grand Opening of Graceland - Privately Owned Indoor Playground and Child Care Center

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On Thursday, December 22, 2022, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga attended the grand opening of Graceland Family Center, a multi-level soft playground facility equipped with a child care

center and two food vendors, privately owned by the Haleck Family. The program included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a sign reveal, and a tour of the entire facility.

Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga was given the opportunity to deliver his remarks. "You have not only created a place of fun for the children, but also a place of refuge and a safe space for the youth. I commend the Haleck family for their gift to the children of American Samoa, and for letting us share in this monumental accomplishment with you," mentioned Governor Lemanu.

The idea of Graceland Family Center was first envisioned by the late Reverend Otto Haleck Jr and his siblings when they tried to figure out their new business venture for an available property. However, Reverend Otto's goal wasn't to seek the most profitable business, but to fulfill the mission of their parents, the late Reverend Max Haleck Jr. and Taulima Haleck, to create a place for the youth and children of American Samoa to become inspired and to develop socially, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. He passed before the completion of the project. The next generation of the Haleck Family came together to finish the facility and open its doors to the public.

Graceland Family Center is open six days a week from 9:00am to 10:00pm.













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