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Washington, D.C. -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Ks), Chairman and Founder of the Dole Foundation for employment of people with disabilities, will cut the ribbon on a new job training and placement facility for disabled youths that has been funded by his foundation.

The facility, operated by St. John's Child Development Center of Washington, is used to train autistic, mentally retarded, and other severely disabled clients food service skills. Once the more than fifty clients are trained, St. John's places them in jobs throughout the Washington area.

The ribbon-cutting and tour of the training facility will take place on February 14, 1989, at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Development Center, 4880 Macarthur Boulevard, N.W.

The Dole Foundation provides funds to community-based nonprofit organizations across the United States that provide job training and/or placement to people with disabilities.

St. John's Child Development Center, established in 1868, is the leading Washington-area nonprofit dealing in special education for individuals with autism, mental retardation and other severe disabilities.