The Austin State Supported Living Center will host a celebration June 3 to commemorate the center’s 100 years of service. The event will honor those who built the center and celebrate the current residents and staff at the facility.

“Over the past 100 years, the Austin State Supported Living Center has truly become a community,” said Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Charles Smith. “For ten decades, some tremendous people on our SSLC team have dedicated themselves to making sure our residents are cared for and receive access to the best programs and services possible. We have great families. When we can all come together at times like these, we realize how fortunate we are to be able to help our residents succeed not only as individuals, but also as part of a strong community.”

Opened in 1917 in central Austin, the Austin SSLC provides 24-hour residential services, comprehensive behavioral treatment services and health care services, including physician services, nursing services and dental services, to 184 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Other services include skills training; occupational, physical and speech therapies; vocational programs; and services to maintain connections between residents and their families and natural support systems.

An opening ceremony will recognize key individuals and groups that have been instrumental in the center’s success. Speakers will include Charles Smith, executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission; Kristi Jordan, Department of Aging and Disability Services deputy commissioner; Scott Schalchlin, DADS associate commissioner; Austin SSLC Center Director Laura Cazabon-Braly; and Austin City Councilwoman Alison Alter.

The theme for the event, sponsored by the Tocker Foundation and the Friends of AusSSLC, is “Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future.” Austin Mayor Steve Adler has proclaimed June 3 as Austin State Supported Living Center Day, and the proclamation will be presented by Councilwoman Alter at the event. Staff will also unveil the Tocker Foundation Historical Center, which is an older cottage on campus that has been transformed into a welcome center to display historic items, newspaper clippings, photographs and audio/visual information. The center will serve as a starting point for tours as well as meeting space for staff.

WHAT: Austin SSLC Centennial celebration, mayoral proclamation of June 3 as Austin State Supported Living Center Day, and dedication for new Tocker Foundation Historical Center, featuring historical articles, artifacts, photos through the years and more.

WHEN: June 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The welcome, awards ceremony and ribbon cutting will take place at noon on the front field stage and will move to building 784 for the ribbon cutting.

WHERE: Austin SSLC front field, 2203 W. 35th St., Austin

ACTIVITIES: Food trucks, live music and games.