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TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers Celebrates Leadership at Annual Dinner

Rockville, Md.— TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers, a local, private non-profit agency providing educational, vocational, and therapeutic services to children and adults with disabilities and typically developing children, today announced the recipients of four leadership awards given at their annual dinner to board members and an employer/supervisor-of-the-year for their outstanding contributions. TLC's Board of Directors is made up of community volunteers from major corporations, small businesses, and other organization that support TLC's mission.

The Rosemary R. Colston Outstanding Board-Member-of-the-Year Award was the first award handed out at the Annual Dinner. This award was given to the Board member whose leadership role as chair of the Board/Staff Reading Effectiveness Team created a comprehensive plan for restructuring the reading program at TLC's Katherine Thomas School. This year's recipient is Board Member and Katherine Thomas School parent, Donna Dixon. Mrs. Dixon has served on TLC's Board for one year. TLC established this award in name of Rosemary R. Colston after her two terms as President of the Board in the early 1980s.

The second award of the evening was given to the Board member deserving of the Volunteer-of-the-Year. Mary Rill, parent of a student at TLC's Katherine Thomas School and 2-year member of the board, was recognized as this years Volunteer-of-the-Year. Mrs. Rill is single handedly responsible for countless fundraising activities for TLC's Katherine Thomas School including organizing refreshment stands at this years softball tournament, raising \$13,000 at the Parents Soirée, and previous leadership roles for KTS Parents Association and chairperson for TLC's Annual Fashion Show. She also serves on the Strategic Planning Committee.

The next award presented was the Teamwork award, which is given to an outstanding Board/Staff team that furthers the mission of TLC. This year the team selected for the award was The Katherine Thomas School Reading Effectiveness Team, led by Board members Paul Deerin, Bruce Hunter, and Donna Dixon. The staff team included Judy Owens, KTS Lower and Middle School Director, Rhona Schwartz, KTS High School Director, Gwenn Blau and Joyce Mange, KTS Reading Specialists, and Susan Burns and Debbie Walsh, KTS parents. This team analyzed KTS's current reading program, determined areas of improvement, set goals and objectives for restructuring the reading program, and rolled out a pilot program this year to determine the effectiveness of the new program with students currently working with the reading specialists.

TLC's Outcomes Service awarded Karen Ford, Project Manager at the National Institutes of Science and Technology (NIST), with the 2006 Employer/Supervisor-of-the-Year. The Outcomes Service has worked with Ms. Ford for 2 ½ years and during that time she has offered employment opportunities to 7 Outcomes' consumers through a custodial contract to maintain four, 2-3 level buildings housing scientific labs and offices in Gaithersburg, MD. Ms. Ford has shown dedication and patience in working with Outcomes' consumers, has offered them every opportunity to succeed in their placements, and has grown in her knowledge and compassion for individuals with disabilities.

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About TLC

TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers, located in Rockville, Md., enables children and adults to develop their full potential, communicate effectively with others, and achieve educational and vocational success. TLC provides services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. With more than 55 years of service to the community, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and will strive to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information call 301. 424.5200 or visit <http://www.ttlc.org>.

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