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TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers Receives Four Grants Totaling \$76,000

Rockville, MD—TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers, a private, non-profit organization providing educational, vocational, and therapeutic services to children and adults with disabilities and typically developing children, announced today that four area foundations have awarded grants totaling \$76,000 for use at TLC's Katherine Thomas School and in TLC's Outcomes Service.

TLC was awarded two scholarship grants from Washington, D.C. based foundations. *The Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation* granted TLC \$30,000 and *The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation* awarded TLC \$20,000. The Katherine Thomas School (KTS) was established to assist students preschool through grade 11 (grade 12 in fall 2007) with language and learning disabilities and high-functioning autism. The school's mission is to enable students to reach their full educational potential through a multi-sensory, developmental, and language-intensive curriculum. While many students at KTS are funded by their local public school system, other students do not have funding available. Some of these families require financial aid, without which the child would not be able to attend KTS. With the inclusion of charitable contributions, TLC is currently able to provide financial assistance for twelve scholarships for KTS students.

The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation awarded TLC \$20,000 to assist with funding a new staff position in TLC's Outcomes Service. The Outcomes Service was created to serve adults with brain injury, cognitive impairments, neurological and developmental disabilities. The person who fills this position will be responsible for developing a written vocational curriculum for students in TLC's Katherine Thomas School high school program. The Outcomes Service staff is currently working at capacity so the task of developing a vocational curriculum for the high school would require hiring an additional staff member, with specific knowledge and expertise for writing a curriculum for youth enrolled in a special education high school program.

The George Preston Marshall Foundation (Redskin Foundation, Inc.) awarded TLC \$6,000 for the development of a Black Box Theater. A Black Box Theater is a simple performance space which consists of a large square room with black walls, ceiling, and flat floor with very basic technical arrangements. TLC's Black Box Theater, called *The Zourdos Family Theater*, is located in the newly renovated arts wing at KTS. This grant will help the KTS staff conducting the arts programs to develop the student's arts education. For children with special learning needs, non-traditional and creative approaches to learning, such as those in the arts, provide an outlet for artistic skill development, language developments, and social interaction. Approximately 120 KTS students will benefit from this grant every year.

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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 success. TLC provides services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. With over 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 www.ttlc.org.

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