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## **Consumer Advisory Board Chair Recognized with Odonna Mathews Award at TLC-The Treatment & Learning Centers**

**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 recipient of the 2006 Odonna Mathews Award for the Outstanding Consumer Advisory Board Member, which is given to a member of TLC's Consumer Advisory Board annually. This year's recipient, Anita Burgdorf, has been the chair of TLC's Consumer Advisory Board since 2004, which exists to provide TLC with the consumer's viewpoint. As chair, Anita led the board to improve the exterior appearance of one of TLC's Early Learning Center childcare facilities, established a kiss and ride drop-off and pick-up at TLC's Katherine Thomas School, initiated a parent discussion group to facilitate communication and provide support for TLC parents, and provided input for operational decisions.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award, named for such an amazing woman," said Anita Burgdorf, TLC's consumer advisory board chair. "I only hope that I can accomplish as much as Odonna has in her years with Giant. I enjoy giving my time as a member of the Consumer Advisory Board for such a great organization made up of great people. I am also proud to be a part of terrific group of women who serve on TLC's Consumer Advisory Board and of what we are able to accomplish."

TLC's Board of Trustees established the Odonna Mathews Award for the Outstanding Consumer Advisory Board Member in recognition of Odonna's 33 years of service to the consumers of the Washington metropolitan area with extraordinary effectiveness. Her dedication and commitment to consumer affairs at Giant Food and Stop & Shop Supermarkets has been recognized as distinguished and outstanding by academia, business and professional groups, and she has pioneered new and innovative approaches in educating consumers. She also volunteered her time to serve in 1981 as the first Spokeswoman for TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers' services to children and adults with disabilities in the Washington metropolitan area.

"The Consumer Advisory Board for TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers is an important mechanism to hear directly from consumers," said Odonna Mathews, former vice president of consumer affairs for Giant Food and Stop & Shop Supermarkets. "Based on my many years at Giant Food, where we used consumer boards exclusively, I can say that these committees make the organization better. Today, I am honored that TLC has established this award in my name, and I am especially delighted that the first recipient is Anita Burgdorf. As chair of the Consumer Advisory Board, Anita's dedication, enthusiasm and leadership ability have added to the credibility and effectiveness of the organization."

### **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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