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**TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers  
Receives \$25,000 Donation to Aid Reading Initiative Program**

**Rockville, Md.**— TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers, a local, private, non-profit agency that provides educational, therapeutic, and vocational services to children and adults with disabilities recently received \$25,000 from an anonymous donor. This significant contribution will enable TLC's Katherine Thomas School to invest in new technology for their Reading Initiative Program. This literacy program benefits students with significant reading deficits resulting from their learning disabilities.

The Katherine Thomas School (KTS) was established to assist students in 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.

In 2005, TLC established the Reading Initiative Team to help KTS students improve reading skills and therefore overall academic success. This group of parents, staff, and Board members developed a three year plan that calls for a significant investment for additional staff members, staff training, and technology. This donation of \$25,000 will be used to purchase assistive learning tools including Kurzweil speech synthesis software, Franklin Spellers, digital cameras, and reading assessment tools to measure students' progress.

These tools will have great impact on the KTS teachers' ability to encourage self-reliance in their students. The goal of the Reading Initiative Program is to teach our students to be better readers and therefore be more successful as students and throughout their adult lives.

*"I cannot begin to say how thrilled I am about this donation. By investing in KTS' Reading Initiative Program, students like my son Alex will be empowered with so many new tools to help meet all of their educational needs. I know firsthand that when children feel good about their progress in school, the impact both academically and emotionally is profound. On behalf of the entire KTS family and TLC's Board of Trustees, I want to thank this very special donor for believing in our students and giving them a gift that will benefit them for the rest of their lives."*

--Donna Dixon, parent of KTS student, Secretary of TLC's Board of Trustees

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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 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](http://www.ttlc.org).

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