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TLC Board Honors Exceptional Service, Elects Officers at Annual Board Meeting and Celebration

Rockville, MD—[TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers](http://www.ttlc.org)' Board of Trustees recognized the exceptional efforts of Board members, staff, and volunteers and elected new officers at its Annual Meeting and Celebration held at a board member's home on May 20. TLC is a private, non-profit organization providing educational, vocational, and therapeutic services to children and adults with special needs and typically developing children.

The event was perhaps best summed up by TLC volunteer **Jim Dixon**, "When people ask me about TLC, I tell them there are two kinds of people out there and they are both lucky. There are the people who are lucky enough that no one close to them has special needs. And then there are people like me who have loved ones with special needs and are lucky enough that TLC is there for them and giving them the help they need."

Benefactor of the Year was awarded to [The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation](#), a key supporter of TLC programs since 1997 with grants totaling more than \$160,000, including their most recent grant in November 2008 of \$25,000 for [The Katherine Thomas School](#) scholarships.

Pat Bailey was honored as **Volunteer of the Year** for her tireless dedication to KTS, her work as chair of the annual parents' soiree, which raised over \$27,000 for the school in 2009, and the inception and production of the monthly KTS parent and staff newsletter.

The **Outcomes Employer of the Year Award** was presented to [ChildKind, Inc.](#) Director **Jaydah Wilson** and Assistant Director **Amy Cliber** accepted the award on behalf of the organization. TLC's [Outcomes](#) Lead Employment Specialist, **Sherline Cannady** said, "As Employer of the Year, Childkind Inc. has been exceptional when it comes to working with our consumers. They strongly support individuals with disabilities and are in compliance with the ADA laws. If at any time accommodations are needed to better assist our consumers, Childkind Inc. is on target." Sherline added, "The staff at Childkind treats our consumers with dignity and respect."

After serving on the [TLC Golf Classic](#) planning committee for 6 years including the last 3 years as Tournament Chairman, **Jim Dixon** received **The Barry Scher Public Relations Award**. Barry Scher said, "Jim has created enormous visibility for TLC through his recruitment efforts. He is tireless in his quest to find sponsors, golfers, auction donors and event volunteers."

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Recipients of the **Outstanding Service Award** were **Ginny McDonald, Karen Beveridge, and Julie Hunter** for passionate fundraising, event planning, supporting staff, volunteering, and their extraordinary dedication to KTS.

The Past President's Award was presented to **Ray Baldwin** in thanks for his service as Board President for the last 2 years, during a critical time for TLC dominated by the executive director transition process. **The Rosemary Colston Award** was given to **Richard Ward** who has served on TLC's Board for 12 years and led the Executive Director Transition Team. **TLC's Executive Transition Team** earned **The Teamwork Award** for their work on the selection of TLC's new Executive Director, Pat Ritter, and creating a strong vision and agenda for the future of TLC. **Rema Haddad**, Human Resources Director at TLC, received **The Richard Pavlin Leadership Award** for her dedication and commitment to the 200 full and part-time TLC staff members.

TLC congratulates the awardees and new Board officers: President **Richard Ward**, Vice President **Bruce Hunter**, Treasurer **James LaGrone**, Secretary **Froma Roth**, and General Counsel **Ray Baldwin**.

About TLC

[TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers](http://www.tlc.org), located in Rockville, Md., improves lives and expands possibilities for individuals with special needs. Celebrating over 58 years of service to the community in 2009, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and strives to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information visit www.tlc.org.

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