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TLC Names Dr. Patricia Ritter New Executive Director

Rockville, MD—[TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers](#), a non-profit organization providing educational, vocational, and therapeutic services to children and adults with disabilities and typically developing children, announced today that [Dr. Patricia Ritter](#) has been named Executive Director. Ritter was Assistant Executive Director for 17 years and has also been serving as Interim Executive Director since November 2008.

Ray Baldwin, president of the TLC Board of Trustees, noted that “the search process was rigorous and thorough, and we considered many highly qualified candidates. Ultimately though, the Board’s decision was very easy--Pat was unquestionably the best person for this job.” Baldwin added that “Dr. Ritter is ideally suited to be Executive Director, based on her leadership, experience, and passion for the organization. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Pat, continuing to improve on our mission of touching lives every day.”

Said Dr. Pat Ritter, “I am honored and excited to lead an outstanding organization that has been making a difference in the lives of individuals with special needs in our community for over 50 years. I look forward to working with our dedicated board, staff and volunteers to take TLC to the next level of excellence as we celebrate our upcoming 60th anniversary in 2010.”

A speech-language pathologist by training, Dr. Ritter’s key achievements at TLC include creating with a colleague the philosophy, model, staffing pattern and administration policy for a new K-5 special education school, developing sought after therapeutic groups for children with sensory processing and autistic spectrum disorders, and developing an innovative special education preschool program based on the [DIR®/ Floortime Model™](#) for early intervention. She has mentored many colleagues and other allied health professionals in clinical practice and administrative excellence, helping to build on TLC’s reputation in the community for outstanding quality.

As Executive Director of TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers, Dr. Ritter is responsible for the leadership of a \$13 million organization with 200+ staff at three locations. TLC offers a unique family of services for individuals with disabilities including outpatient speech-language and occupational therapy, audiology, psychoeducational testing and tutoring and vocational services. Its multiple programs include [The Katherine Thomas School](#), [The Family Hearing Center](#), and the [The Early Learning Center](#) for typically developing children.

Dr. Ritter was recently elected a Fellow of the [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association](#) (ASHA), one of the association’s highest honors. She is a graduate of the Montgomery County [Leadership Montgomery](#) Class of 2008 and is active on professional and community boards as well as a presenter for local, community and national organizations. Dr. Ritter received her Ph.D. in Speech-Language Pathology with a specialty in Child and Adult Language and Second Language Learning from [Ohio University](#). She received her M.A. in Speech Pathology/Audiology from the [University of Texas at El Paso](#) and her B.S. in Education-Speech and Hearing Therapy from [Bowling Green State University](#) in Ohio.

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