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TLC's Stein Award Winners Inspiring Excellence

Rockville, MD—TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers announced today four recipients of the agency's prestigious *Jonathan M. Stein Staff Appreciation Award* for 2009. This monetary award recognizes the Centers' staff for their outstanding service. TLC is a non-profit organization providing educational, vocational, and therapeutic services to children and adults with disabilities and typically developing children. The award is funded by an endowment from the parents of Jonathan M. Stein in appreciation for the support TLC staff provided to their son.

"By their example, TLC's Stein Award recipients inspire every staff member in the organization to serve our community and our consumers at the highest level of excellence possible," said **Patricia Ritter**, Executive Director of TLC.

This year's Stein Award recipients are **Gwenn Blau** and **Debbie Ezrin** of **Gaithersburg, MD**; **Emily Kehr** of **Germantown, MD**; and **Matthew Vadney** of **Brunswick, MD**.

Blau is the Educational Director and Vadney is a Special Education Teacher at [TLC's Katherine Thomas School](#) (KTS), an independent day school for students with language and learning disabilities and high-functioning autism, preschool through twelfth grade.

Ezrin, Director of Development for TLC, is responsible for fundraising and special events such as the upcoming [5th Annual King of the Road 5K Run/1 Mile Walk/Kids' Fun Run](#) on November 15, 2009.

Kehr is an Employment Specialist for [TLC's Outcomes Service](#), helping adults with disabilities engage in employment, maximize independence, and access community resources

Nominees were selected for their creativity, dedication, willingness to help, enthusiasm and energy. Recipients are nominated by their peers and selected by previous Stein Award winners.

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.

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