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TLC's Stein Award Winners Aspiring to the Highest Level of Excellence

Rockville, MD—[TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers](http://www.ttlc.org) announced today four recipients of the agency's prestigious *Jonathan M. Stein Staff Appreciation Award* for 2011. 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.

"At TLC our vision is to be an organization recognized as the leading center for care, services, and special education. Garrett, Sarah, Chrisy and Candace inspire all of us to make that vision a reality – every day." said **Patricia Ritter, PhD**, Executive Director of TLC.

This year's Stein Award recipients are **Garrett Alston** of **Washington, DC**, **Sarah Austein** of **Rockville, MD**, **Chrisy Bernabe** of **Germantown, MD**, **Candace Trostel** of **Frederick, MD**.

Alston is an Employment Specialist at [TLC's Outcomes Service](http://www.ttlc.org), helping adults with disabilities engage in employment, maximize independence, and access community resources. **Austein** is a Substitute Teacher and **Trostel** is a Reading/English Teacher at The Katherine Thomas School high school program. **Bernabe** is Education Director for the Katherine Thomas School lower and middle school programs. [TLC's Katherine Thomas School](http://www.ttlc.org) (KTS), an independent day school for students with language and learning disabilities and high-functioning autism, preschool through twelfth grade.

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.

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About TLC

TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers, a non-profit organization located in Rockville, Md., improves lives and expands possibilities for individuals with special needs. Celebrating 62 years of service to the community in 2012, 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.ttlc.org.

A Non-Profit Organization Serving Individuals With Special Needs Since 1950

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