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## **The Treatment and Learning Centers exceeds capital campaign goal** *More than \$1.2 million raised for the Katherine Thomas School High School Program*

**Rockville, Md.**—Last night, The Treatment and Learning Centers (TLC) declared success in its capital campaign to raise funds for the new Katherine Thomas School High School Program, which gives secondary students an opportunity to break through educational barriers.

TLC leaders announced a committed cadre of partners and friends has raised more than \$1.2 million for the school, exceeding the campaign's \$1.1 million goal. Before the school opens in fall 2005, leaders expect to raise about \$1.35 million.

“Our success is due in large part to the community, which has rallied around TLC and its clients,” said Colleen Luzier, newly-elected TLC board president. “We are honored to work in such a supportive and compassionate area.”

Support from the Maryland General Assembly; local foundations and corporations; a committed board and campaign leadership team; and staff, parent and physician groups helped TLC exceed its fundraising goals. The Katherine Thomas School High School Program currently serves 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, but by 2007 will add 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

During the event, TLC also honored partners, community members, and local businesses with awards, including:

- **Employer of the Year**—Bonnie Sue Cline, US Department of Health and Human Services
- **Volunteer of the Year**—Ray Baldwin, attorney, Seyfarth & Shaw
- **Teamwork Award**—Richard Alper, attorney; Bill Gee, community volunteer; Patricia Ritter, assistant executive director at TLC; and Susan Yaffe-Oziel, director, TLC's The Family Hearing Center
- **Rosemary R. Colston Award for the Board Leadership**—Barry Scher, past board president

Leadership committees for the capital campaign and the new high school were also recognized for their commitment and achievements.

### **About TLC**

The Treatment and Learning Centers (TLC), located in Rockville, Md., enables children and adults to develop their full potential, to communicate effectively with others, and to achieve educational and vocational success. TLC provides services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. With more than 54 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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