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TLC - THE TREATMENT AND LEARNING CENTERS NAMES HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Rockville, MD, October 29, 2004 – The Treatment and Learning Centers, a non-profit organization helping children and adults with learning and developmental disabilities, announced that Rhona Schwartz has joined the organization as the high school director at The Katherine Thomas School, currently serving children preschool through eighth grade. The high school, a new addition to The Katherine Thomas School, is scheduled to open the ninth and tenth grades in September 2005 at the start of the school year. Each year thereafter a grade will be added until 2007 when the high school will be enrolled through the twelfth grade.

“We are fortunate to have Rhona Schwartz on board to head the Katherine Thomas High School,” says Richard Pavlin, Executive Director at TLC. “She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in private special education at the high school level.”

Ms. Schwartz has more than 25 years of experience working with children and adolescents with learning disabilities both as an administrator and a classroom teacher. As director of the new high school at The Katherine Thomas School, she is directly responsible for the development of all facets of the high school program.

Prior to coming to The Katherine Thomas School, Ms. Schwartz was the Director of Tutoring at The Lab School of Washington and spent over eight years of her Lab School tenure as the Assistant Head of the high school. From 1988 to 1994, she was the Curriculum Supervisor of The Foundation School of Montgomery County/The Broschart School, and Principal of FLOC Learning Center, both psycho-educational programs for children and adolescents with emotional and learning disabilities. At the beginning of her career, she was a classroom teacher at The Lowell School in Queens, New York, a private high school for adolescents with emotional and learning disabilities and a Middle School Unit Leader/Master Teacher at The Center School in Chevy Chase, Maryland, a K-8 school for children with learning disabilities.

Rhona received a B.A. in Youth and Community Studies/Sociology from State University of New York at Stony Brook and a M.A. in Special Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is a member of The Learning Disabilities Association and the Council for Exceptional Children. Since 1983 she has lived in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area and presently resides in Gaithersburg, Maryland with her husband and two sons.

About TLC

The Treatment and Learning Centers, located in Rockville, Maryland, enables children and adults to develop to 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 over 53 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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