



What we would like you to know... January 19, 2010

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Teacher Awards Applications Being Read By Panel of Child Care Professionals

The Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ application process closed for the 2010 awards cycle reported Marcy Bacine, TLLCCF Child Care Specialist. Following an initial eligibility review, applications have been distributed among a panel of child care professionals for reading and scoring in accordance to a proprietary rubric developed by TLLCCF. Each application received for the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ is reviewed by multiple readers.

This year's winners will be honored on April 15 at the National Child Care Teacher Awards™ ceremony at the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia, PA. The evening ceremony is open to the public. Admission is free.

Applications for the 2011 Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ will be available at www.TLLCCF.org in April.

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Play and the Learning Process

There's more to learning than reading and math. Educating young children must include elements of play, meaningful tasks and hands-on experience. Active, constructive play is essential to early learning in promoting creativity, language, physical development, critical thinking, social skills and more. In short, play is child's work according to an organization devoted to promoting positive play for children. Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment (TRUCE) is a nonprofit comprised of childhood professionals working to promote a positive play environment for children. They look beyond, way beyond the glitz, lights, and entertainment value of some of today's toys.

Since 1997 TRUCE has published its [Toy Guide](#), and this year the organization published an [Infant & Toddler Play, Toys & Media Action Guide](#). TRUCE's guides offer useful information and recommendations for parents and teachers on how to support children's development through play.

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Harriet Dichter Nominated to Head PA Dept. of Public Welfare

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare will have a new secretary in 2010. Governor Rendell's nominee for the position is Harriet Dichter, Deputy Secretary, Office of Child Development and Early Learning for the departments of Public Welfare and Education. Ms. Dichter's nomination is subject to senate confirmation.

Ms. Dichter was the 2009 award recipient of the TLLCCF's Child Care Advocate Award in Memory of Anne O. Krancer for her dedication to bolstering early care and education for Pennsylvania children. She is committed to providing access to high-quality child care for all Pennsylvania families. In her position as deputy secretary for the Office of Child Development and Early Learning for the state of Pennsylvania Departments of Public Welfare and Education, she led state efforts to raise the priority level for early learning, including programs such as Pre-K Counts, full-day kindergarten initiative, state-based Head Start program, the Keystone Stars early learning program, Child Care Works, and Early Intervention from birth through age 5.

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation congratulates Harriet Dichter on her nomination.



From the TLLCCF President

The Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the Please Touch Museum. The museum, located at Memorial Hall in Fairmont Park, is a fitting venue for the awards ceremony.

The Please Touch Museum was the first museum in the United States dedicated to the educational needs of children seven years old and younger. It is recognized as one of the best children's museums in the country. Their mission is "To enrich the lives of children by creating learning opportunities through play." This, too, is a mission shared by every great early childhood education teacher in creating goals for their classroom. The museum, like a well-designed classroom, encourages children to explore, create, problem-solve, and interact with others.

The Please Touch Museum honors individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions that enhance the lives of children. Similarly, The Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ recognizes outstanding teachers for their commitment and dedication to the children they teach and to the child care profession. The common goals of both the museum and TLLCCF make the Please Touch Museum a perfect location for our awards ceremony.

All of the award-winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Philadelphia, courtesy of the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation, and for most it will be the first time they have visited the city of brotherly love. The museum, a Philadelphia treasure, will not only provide an excellent venue for the awards ceremony, but also an opportunity for the teachers to visit a premier children's museum. Who knows, the museum exhibits may inspire some to create that

next big classroom project for which they will ask The Terri Lynne Lokoff Foundation to support through the 2011 teacher awards!

Please join me on April 15, 2010 to honor this year's teacher award recipients at the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™.

Suzanne du Pont
TLLCCF Board President

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As We Grow Greenhouse

2009 Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ recipient Elizabeth Cali created "As We Grow Greenhouse" as her award-winning project. Lead teacher in a Pre-K classroom at Guild of Saint Agnes, Devens, MA, Cali saw the National Child Care Teacher Awards™ as an opportunity to teach her class about the environment and instill in them respect for the earth.

Cali and the children— twelve girls and eight boys, four and a half and five years of age, began by planting seeds and seedlings in egg cartons and yogurt containers. They created a compost pile to fertilize the plants. The children chose the plantings, which included tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, radishes, marigolds, sunflowers and nasturtiums.

The project offered many teaching opportunities for Cali to incorporate into her daily class lessons. The children learned ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. They learned the stages of plant development by simply sowing seeds, watering and tending to them.

The project didn't end with the harvest of their

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Of Resolutions and Revolutions

A message from the Executive Director...

Happy 2010 to everyone. At the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation we won't try to reinvent the wheel in 2010. We resolve to help implement changes that give all young children access to the quality early care and education they need in order to have the best chance to succeed and that recognize outstanding child care teachers for the education professionals that they truly are. In fact TLLCCF's 2010 resolutions are not revolutionary. They are the same resolutions that have shape our mission and strategic focus since inception in 1987. Progress is being made. Please join us in continuing to make a difference in 2010.

Our constituents include young children and their families, child care professionals, our volunteers and supporters, the business community that relies on a skilled workforce for both today and tomorrow, our legislative leaders who, in law enforcement and social programs, deal daily with the problems that available, affordable high-quality early care and education is designed to ameliorate, our school administrators who all too often inherit their charges after developmental issues are well-ensconced, and members of society who wish for an improved quality of life for all. For all of our constituents I wish a safe and healthy year.

produce. The children planted spring bulbs this past fall, and have sowed herbs indoors.

A new member of National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Cali was recognized as a recipient of the 2009 Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ where she shared her experience at a NAEYC dinner. She is conducting workshops on going green to present to child care teachers.

Winning the National Child Care Teacher Awards™ inspires and empowers many recipients to become advocates for the National Child Care Teacher Awards and for high-quality child care. Some speak at local child care organizations, others present workshops at child care conferences around the country, or organize forums to discuss child care issues with their local political representatives.



H1N1 or Swine Flu?

What's in a name? Nothing when you are referring to the H1N1 virus or the Swine flu. They are one in the same. So whether it is the Swine, H1N1 or seasonal influenza (flu), The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) web site offers regular updates, tips and advice on prevention, identifying symptoms, where to get vaccines, and more. Visit [www.http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/](http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/) or <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>.

Is your child's early care and education program taking reasonable precautions in preventing the spread of the H1N1 or seasonal influenza? To read about steps you can take and questions to ask your child care provider in reducing the spread, [click here](#).

We are indebted to all of our constituents. They each serve a very important role in helping us achieve our resolutions. Please join me in giving very special thanks to our partners for 2010 including Diamond Partner Children's TYLENOL®, title sponsor of the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards for the 10th consecutive year; Gold Partners Hess Foundation, Inc., Evie & Ron Krancer, Kay & Fred Lokoff, Bernie Robbins Fine Jewelers; Silver Partners Marcy & Dan Bacine, Bobbi & Harvey Brodsky, Bob, Dan & Sara Cohan, Mindy & Thad Fortin, PNC Foundation, Paula & Harry Silverman & the Silverman Foundation; and Bronze Partners Audi Wynnewood & Audi Conshohocken, TD Bank, and WPVI-TV/6abc. For information regarding how to become a partner for 2010 please contact me at allan@childcareabc.org.



Tributes for September - December

This newsletter contains tributes received from August 18, 2009 through December 22, 2009. To view the tributes [click here](#).

A tribute is a thoughtful gift for any occasion. To remember or honor a friend, loved one or special occasion you may give a gift in their name to the Foundation. Beautifully handwritten individual tribute cards may be sent for a minimum of \$10.00. A box of 5 cards may be purchased for \$20.00 plus shipping & handling. Please contact the Foundation at (610) 992.1140 to send a tribute card in honor of a special event or person or in memory of a loved one.

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