



Center Scenes

Newsletter of the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities

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OUR MISSION

Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities offers educational, residential, and family support services to children and adults with special needs. The Center's goal is to provide the individuals it serves the opportunity to maximize their abilities and potential in a loving and nurturing environment.

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Holidays at the Tammy Lynn Center

The holidays are a special time for everyone; boys and girls, children and adults. This year the holiday season was made extra cheery and bright for the residents and students at Tammy Lynn by several local organizations, families and individuals.

IBM, SunTrust and Siemens are just a few of the local organizations who responded to holiday wish lists for the students and residents. Wish list items ranged from daily staples such as batteries, linens and chapstick to Fisher Price toys, CD players and developmental enabling devices. The gifts were given to the students and residents by a very special visitor, none

other than Santa Claus himself, at the school's holiday celebration.

Also happening at the Center during the holidays, was a visit from ABC11's Steve Daniels and Angela Hampton. The ABC11 television anchors visited with students in Class 400 and recorded a holiday

themed public service announcement encouraging people to give back during the holiday season.

Residents also enjoyed a show stopping performance by students from the Governor Morehead School for the Blind. Students from the Governor Morehead School performed holiday carols for everyone to enjoy.



ABC11 anchors Angela Hampton and Steve Daniels visit with Class 400.

From everyone at the Tammy Lynn Center, thank you to all the individuals, families and local organizations who made the holidays special! Happy New Year from the Tammy Lynn family to yours!

Over \$40,000 Raised at TLC Golf Classic

The 5th Annual Tammy Lynn Golf Classic - A Challenge at the Creek was held at Brier Creek Country Club in Raleigh, North Carolina on Monday, October 27th! Despite cold wind and weather the tournament was a huge success and raised over \$40,000 for the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc.

Over thirty different foursomes competed to win the coveted Tammy Lynn Golf Classic Trophy Bowl and more than

seventy-five local businesses and organizations made financial and in-kind contributions. Pepsi Bottling Ventures and Finé Restaurant took first place in the Texas Scramble format. Players also competed in challenges at every hole for individual prizes.

Mark your calendars now! The 6th Annual Tammy Lynn Golf Classic will be held on **Monday, October 12, 2009!** The tournament is a great way to raise awareness and support for children and adults with

developmental disabilities. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors for their contributions and making this past year's tournament a huge success!



Congratulations to our winners, Pepsi Bottling Ventures and Finé Restaurant!

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From the President's Desk

I can hardly believe that a new year is already here! I hope that everyone had a wonderful, warm and safe holiday season with family and friends.

As the new year begins, so do new resolutions. Year after year, we make promises to ourselves to eat healthier, stop bad habits, spend more time with our families, and to finally achieve the goal that we've been putting off the past ten years. This year, I encourage you to make a different kind of New Year's Resolution; **Get Involved!**

There are a multitude ways that families, friends and the community can get involved at the Tammy Lynn Center. Volunteering to read to students in the Developmental Day Services program, joining in days of service assisting with campus beautification projects, sponsoring our annual Tammy Lynn Golf Classic, supporting administrative duties, donating wish list items for the residences during the holidays - there are ways for everyone to help!

I cannot express enough gratitude to everyone who became involved with Tammy Lynn during 2008. Thank you for your time, effort, talent and treasure. It's because of individuals like you that the Tammy Lynn Center is able to serve nearly 400 children and adults with special needs annually. Your support of our mission makes it possible for us to continue providing quality service to our students, residents and the hundreds of families that depend on our services. Here's to another successful, joyful, healthy and prosperous year!

Warmest Regards,



About Tammy Lynn...

Located on a nine-acre campus near NC State's Centennial Campus in Raleigh, Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities offers educational, residential and family support services to nearly 400 children and adults with special needs.



*Oakley, a student in Developmental Day Services, and her mother and sister.
Photo credit: Joy Batchelor King, Burnie Batchelor Studio*

- Tammy Lynn Center offers the following services and programs:
- **Early Intervention:** In-home therapy visits for children (ages 0—3 years) with, or at risk for, developmental disabilities and delays;
 - **Respite Care:** In-home relief for caregivers of those with developmental disabilities;
 - **Day Services:** Individualized special education, before/after-school childcare, a summer program for children (3—22 years) with developmental disabilities, a summer camp for young children with autism and similar conditions, and an inclusion preschool classroom;
 - **Residential Services:** On-campus housing with 24-hour care and specialized nursing for children and adults; an off-campus supervised living program for adults.

Since its inception in 1969, the Tammy Lynn Center remains committed to providing the individuals it serves with the opportunity to maximize their abilities and potential in a loving, nurturing environment.

For more information, or to take a tour of the campus, please contact Maria Hernandez at (919) 755-2667 or via email at mhernandez@tammylynncenter.org.

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It's A Family Affair

As the Tammy Lynn Center continues to serve children and adults with special needs year after year, the need for support grows as well. Without the support of the generous and compassionate people in our community, Tammy Lynn would not be able to provide the wide range of services and programs for which we are so widely known.

Among those kind supporters, is the Collins family. Husband Michael, wife Angie and son Shane, have been avid supporters of the Center for almost a decade now. They first learned about the Center and its mission through an article in the newspaper and were touched by the work and the service done at the Tammy Lynn Center for children. Since then, the family has made a generous annual contribution.

When Michael was asked what surprised him most about the Tammy Lynn Center, he mentioned, "the range of services provided and the involvement with families." Michael believes that "it takes special people to be able work with those with special needs. Finding those people and bringing them together in an environment where everyone can fulfill their potential is a challenge and it feels

wonderful to be able to support an endeavor that touches so many lives."

Supporters like the Collins family continue to give hope and joy to the families receiving services from Tammy Lynn. Michael imagines that there will be an increase in needs over the next several years and challenges along the way meeting those needs and he hopes to continue to be able to support the programs offered at the Tammy Lynn Center.

During their spare time, Michael, Angie and Shane, enjoy spending family time together, traveling and fishing. Shane particularly enjoys racing slot cars as a hobby. As Shane gets older, the family is looking forward to opportunities for them to volunteer together at the Center and become even more involved.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

CONTRIBUTE TO THE TAMMY LYNN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TODAY!!!

Simply use the enclosed pre-addressed envelope to mail your check made payable to *Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc.* or fill in your credit card information, if you prefer.

To make a gift of stock or for information about a planned gift, please contact Maria Hernandez at (919) 755-2667 or via email at mhernandez@tammylynncenter.org.

Your tax deductible contributions to this donor-supported organization are greatly appreciated.

Music Therapy Introduced at TLC

Special to all students and residents at the Tammy Lynn Center are the volunteers who spend their free time engaging residents and students in fun and therapeutic activities. A regular volunteer at the Center, Christina Evans, provides musical therapy to residents and students on a weekly basis.



Christina helps Jorge play the tambourine during music therapy.

Christina first heard about Tammy Lynn in April of 2008 through a former employee at the Wake County Special Education Parent Teacher Association while speaking about Alternative Therapies. After an impressive tour that left Christina amazed by all of the services offered at Tammy Lynn, she knew that Tammy Lynn was a place that she wanted to be a part of. "Every time that I come to the Center it fills me with happiness. I can be having a bad morning, but as soon as I get to the Center and start my sessions, peace and happiness overwhelms me," describes Christina of her weekly visits.

Tammy Lynn students and residents also thoroughly enjoy Christina's visits, lighting up with each musical note heard and participating in the songs by playing the tambourine, maracas, and hand bells. Although you would never be able to tell, Christina admits to a little stage fright, "To do my music therapy I am never nervous,

"Every time that I come to the Center it fills me with happiness."

but to give a musical performance, I get very, very nervous!"

In between volunteering at the Center, performing, and working two jobs, Christina is also working hard towards finishing her Master's degree in Psychology and she enjoys spending any extra free time traveling.

On behalf of everyone here at Tammy Lynn, thank you, Christina, for all that you do! We are glad you are here!



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Save the Date...

24th annual *A Toast to the Triangle*TM Sunday, March 8, 2009 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

NC State University McKimmon Center

A Toast to the Triangle is a triangle-wide extravaganza that combines a celebration of culinary talents with a worthwhile cause – helping children and adults with special needs. The monies raised through the *Toast* benefit the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc., which in turn supports the programs and services of the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities.



*For more information or to purchase tickets,
visit www.atoasttothetriangle.org*

*Celebrity Judge Tripp Tracy of the
Carolina Hurricanes visits with Melanie,
a student in the Day Services program.*