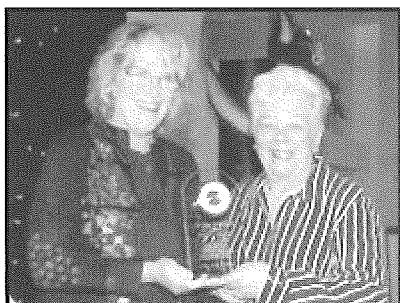


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Tiny Tim Tales

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TINY TIM HONORS LILA JEAN STEWART WITH THE FIRST EVER LEGACY AWARD



On the evening of March 1, at The Tiny Tim Center's annual dinner and auction, Lila Jean Stewart was awarded the first ever Legacy Award for her ongoing, enthusiastic support for the mission of Tiny Tim. The Legacy Award recognizes

individuals or groups whose support to Tiny Tim is so significant it allows the Center to make great strides in accomplishing its primary goal: to assist each child in reaching his or her highest potential.

Lila Jean has supported the Tiny Tim Center in numerous ways. "I have been involved with Tiny Tim almost from the very beginning," she explained. "As a member of the Soroptimist Club I worked on luncheons, style shows, and the Tree Festivals to raise money. Bill and I have always felt this was the project for us. We are dedicated to Tiny Tim because of the difference that we can make in the lives of children with special needs."

The Stewart's support helped the Center successfully complete a \$2.8 million capital campaign which allowed Tiny Tim to move from a 3,800 square foot facility to our present 15,000 square foot center. After Tiny Tim moved into the new facility, Lila Jean continued her financial support, helping the Center to establish a capital reserve fund for the new building and also assisting in maintaining a balanced budget.

"The vision I have for Tiny Tim seems to

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TINY TIM - A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR ALL CHILDREN



By Martha Clemensen

As a mother of five children I understand the importance of choosing the right preschool. The process of choosing typically involves parent visits, comparing and contrasting programs, walk-throughs and even day trips to the school with the potential preschooler. And even with all that knowledge it is still not an easy decision for parents to make. However, choosing to come to Tiny Tim was one of my easiest preschool decisions. The moment I walked in the door to pick up information I was welcomed. And what I believe is more important is that my child was also welcomed.

Every day that I walk through the doors of Tiny Tim I am excited and amazed that my child has a wonderful and caring place

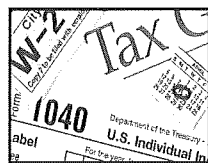
to go to school I am not alone in feeling that I was coming home when I found Tiny Tim. I spoke with eight other mothers of Tiny Tim preschoolers and kindergarteners and everyone has some incredibly positive things to say about Tiny Tim from their arrival here to their continued involvement in the center. Some of the parents I spoke with even have a tradition of sending family members to Tiny Tim.

I am sure many people have

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HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR TAX BREAK TODAY?



Did you know that you could benefit from your cash gift to Tiny Tim for the next three years? Your valuable gift helps to promote childcare in the state of Colorado and will

give you an additional tax break at the same time. A tax credit up to 50% of the total gift can be claimed.

This significant tax credit has been extended until the end of December 2009. Consult your CPA or financial adviser for specifics regarding these potential tax savings. Not only might you benefit from these savings but you will also help to guarantee the future of Tiny Tim. Remember that a pledge enables you to spread the cost of your gift over a longer period of time.

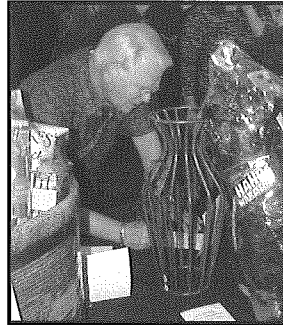
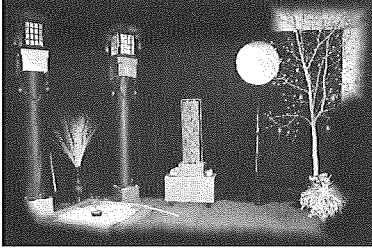
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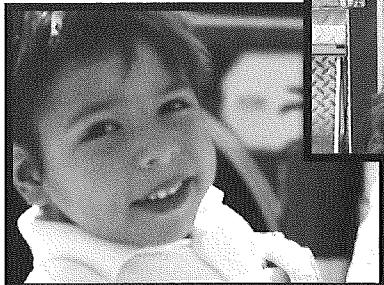
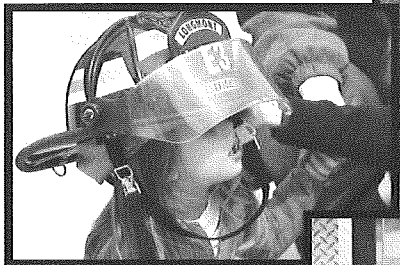
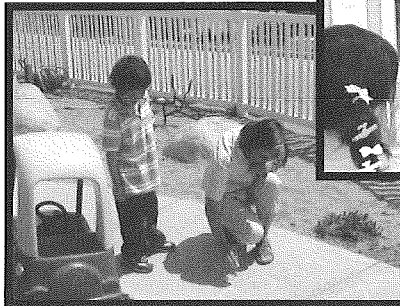
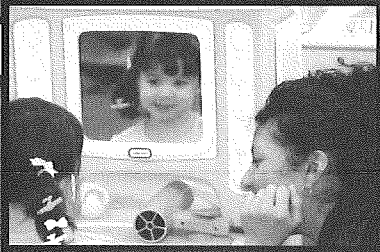
TINY TIM PHOTO GALLERY

Moon over Shanghai

25th Annual Tiny Tim Auction



Tiny Tim Tender Moments



Tiny Tim is now accepting applications for Fall 2008. We

have space in the 3 and 4 year old classes for afternoons. **Financial Aid is also available.**

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varied reasons for coming to Tiny Tim, but there are some themes I discovered that are true for the eight I spoke with and may be true for you as well. These include:

- Offers children a chance to be children
- Show children through example and play that differences don't mean you can't be friends
- The staff (I heard this over and over) are caring, patient, knowledgeable, dedicated.
- Expert professional staff (therapists) who are always on site and can help immediately when problems arise
- Environment is all about the kids.
- Small class sizes with a very low student to teacher ratio* The curriculum – sensory tables, music with Teedee, movement with Mia, exploring complex ideas and concepts in a way children can understand, the stories of the week and how they are connected to the crafts and the curriculum.
- Integrated class rooms with typical and nontypical children
- Support in identifying differences and assistance in the development of IEP for the child
- Cost is very reasonable, especially considering the individualized attention each child receives

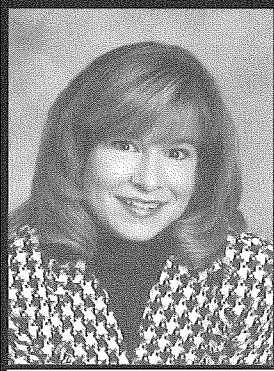
The list goes on and on for the reasons parents come to Tiny Tim and why they stay here. What's on your list?

But, I think what is more important than what brought all of us to Tiny Tim is what keeps all us at Tiny Tim. Yes, it is the incredible curriculum, the music and the playtime. But it is also the questions that we answer in our minds regularly as parents—is my child thriving in this environment and would another environment be better for him or her. This is always an individualized answer however, when I asked that question, the same eight parents they responded the same way I do. My child will not and in some cases did not (as some parents went to other preschools before attending Tiny Tim) receive the kind of experience and education that is offered at Tiny Tim. I heard from parents that the small class sizes, the aides in the classroom, the incredible communication and the individualized attention are just too important to pass up at Tiny Tim.

"My child will not receive the kind of experience and education that is offered at Tiny Tim."

One parent told me "I'm confident in saying that my child wouldn't have received the same quality of experience anywhere else." I am also confident my child wouldn't have received the attention and care he receives at Tiny Tim. I am sure all of you share this feeling and our passion for this gentle, loving center in the heart of Longmont.

Please join me in letting people know about the incredible program offered at Tiny Tim. As I was reminded recently there are still slots available in the afternoon 3 and 4 year old classes for children without special needs. There is also availability in the developmental kindergarten program which is open to all children without special needs.



A Message from the President

According to a Chinese proverb, if one generation plants the seeds, another will enjoy the shade.

Teachers, therapists and staff at the Tiny Tim Center plant seeds and create shade in magical ways. To gain a fuller appreciation of their work and

results, all you have to do is visit the school, attend an event or program or listen to the stories told by parents, students, staff and volunteers. It's the role of the Board of Directors to nurture a planting and growing environment. Their mission goes beyond overseeing the successful functioning of the school. It includes developing policies to address fiscal, personnel and other related issues. Directors also look down the road to the next steps that will take Tiny Tim to higher levels of success and growth. Several specific priorities were addressed by the Board this past year. A milestone achievement was the addition of a developmental kindergarten class, a much needed and much requested program. Because so many people understood the need and could foresee the outcomes, the dreamed-of program became a reality. Personnel issues also were a Board priority. After extensive research and planning, a comprehensive plan was developed. The plan addresses all employees, including both pre-school and therapeutic outreach. Understanding and addressing the needs of Tiny Tim's employees so they may better deliver services is critical to providing the quality of care that is our hallmark. The Board continues to focus on strategic planning. All areas of Tiny Tim are being explored to determine how we can support and enhance our efforts. Our goal is to ensure maximum effectiveness through the wise use of our resources. With the projected 2009 retirement of Executive Director, Teedee Keister, we are acutely aware of the need to provide a seamless succession plan and excited about building on the foundation she has so ably laid. Our donors are another priority area. Without the generous support of individuals and businesses, the magic that occurs at Tiny Tim would be lost. Their donation of time and financial resources make the difference between what we are and what we aspire to be. We cannot and do not take their support lightly. We are working on additional ways to more deeply involve donors – current and potential – so that they will come to know more about what happens at Tiny Tim, and share our hopes and dreams so that through shared visions the Tiny Tim Center will flourish as a place where magic happens. Together, the teachers, the therapists, the staff, the Directors and the donors are planting new seeds so that new generations of students and their parents will have a place to enjoy in the shade.

Stacy Cornay, President

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come true each year," said Lila Jean, "Tiny Tim must grow and keep finding the right personnel to carry out the tasks at hand. All one has to do is stop in and watch these wonderful teachers, and see the faces of the children! It is my desire that every community should have a Tiny Tim."

The Stewart's support helped Tiny Tim move into their present location.

"Lila Jean's support has been sustained and selfless, and it exemplifies her true commitment to helping children with special needs," added Teedee Keister, Executive Director of Tiny Tim. "Her enthusiasm and emotional support for what we do at Tiny Tim are the foundation for her philanthropy."

At the *Moon over Shanghai* dinner Lila Jean received a glass plaque with a clock which reads 'Tiny Tim Center 2008 Legacy Award.' A larger plaque will be hung at Tiny Tim where Lila Jean's name will be etched on it as the first recipient of the Tiny Tim Center Legacy Award.

Meet the New 2008-2009 Board of Directors

The Tiny Tim Board of Directors for 2008-2009 are:

President - Beth Shipp

Vice-President - Vicki Schlagel

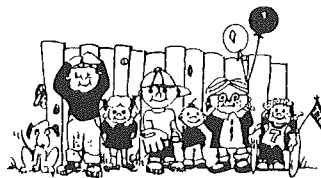
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OUR MISSION

The Tiny Tim Center is committed to assist each child in reaching his or her highest potential through our developmental pre-school, kindergarten and therapeutic outreach programs. Tiny Tim is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to serving families in Longmont and surrounding communities.

For more information on the center and its programs for typical children or children with special needs, contact Teedee Keister, Executive Director, Tina Farrell, Coordinator of Educational Services, or Shari Karmen, Coordinator of Therapeutic Services. Or feel free to email us at info@tinytimcenter.org.

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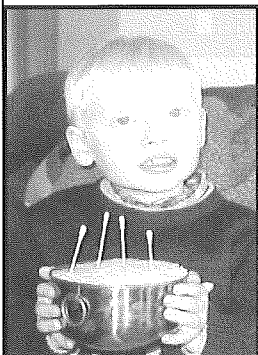
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FOCUS ON THE FUTURE...



Cooper Knight, 4 years old

Welcome to Focus on the Future!

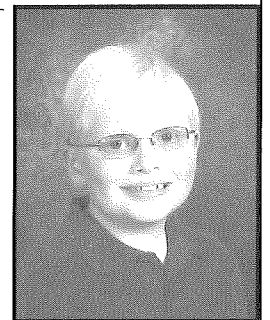
My name is Ali Knight and I am the mother of Cooper Knight, a graduate of Tiny Tim Preschool. I would like to share with you an amazing story of one little boy who is beating the odds and changing the future.

In the fall of 1999, our family was introduced to Tiny Tim because of developmental issues Cooper was experiencing. He was losing words he had learned, not looking at us anymore, and was quickly slipping away from our family. We were told to make an appointment at this place called Tiny Tim

and I can still remember my first visit. I was feeling so out of control and scared for my son, but my instinct told me I was where he needed to be and boy were my instincts right! Because of Tiny Tim and its exceptional staff, I can truly say that Cooper's life has been saved.

Cooper was diagnosed with autism that fall and our lives have been a whirlwind ever since. This amazing school was our anchor in a time of turbulence and uncertainty. I grew to rely on the expertise and guidance of the truly amazing people who dedicate their lives to working there. I would take Cooper to school and trust with all my heart that these people knew what they were doing and could help our family. Not only did they help Cooper make tremendous progress in speech, motor, and social skills, but they helped Jeff and I learn to trust that the future for Cooper was bright and beautiful. Cooper will be graduating this year from 5th grade and heading on to his next challenge in middle school. From his latest picture, you can see that the little boy of four is now thriving and happy and had it not been for the amazing beginnings at Tiny Tim, I know he would not be where he is today.

Thank you, Tiny Tim, for focusing on his future.



Cooper Knight, 10 years old