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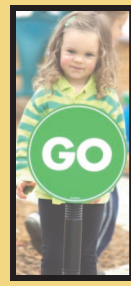


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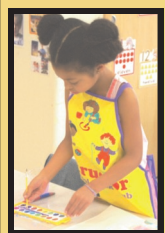
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# Tiny Tim Tales

## Spring has Sprung!

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It is mind-boggling that we are already in March and spring is making its presence known. It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the holiday season with friends and family, setting New Years goals, and preparing for a 'bigger' and 'better' 2013! But then again, time does fly when you are hard at work, and "hard at work" is an understatement for everyone here at The Tiny Tim Center.

In 2013, The Tiny Tim Center team has been working hard on several projects. These endeavors range from initiating the start up of our pediatric Therapeutic Services at the Wilderness Early Learning Center in Boulder, the development and implementation of project based learning in our preschool, and so much more. However, there is one project that has taken priority in recent weeks, and requires The Center's utmost attention: communicating and marketing the message to the community that our preschool program not only serves children with special needs, but also typically developing children, and for both groups we are the best preschool in Longmont.

There is no question that Longmont and the surrounding communities recognize The Tiny Tim Center for the exceptional services our knowledgeable, dedicated, and caring staff provide children with special needs. However, during my tenure, I have experienced an unexpectedly high number of individuals and families who are not aware that The Tiny Tim Center also provides an exceptional preschool experience for the typically developing child. This has negatively impacted The Center's enrollment the past few years.

To address this, The Tiny Tim Center has invested both time and resources reviewing our message, updating our marketing materials, and increasing our presence not only in the community, but on the world wide web. Through these efforts, we hope to educate the community that The Tiny Tim Center provides one of, if not the **best**, preschool experience for all children in Boulder County.

It will take some time before The Center realizes the full benefit of its marketing efforts. Until then, we are currently working to increase enrollment for this summer and next fall. You can help by continuing to spread the word to the Longmont community about what The Tiny Tim Center offers *all* children and families. We have openings for both summer and fall half day and full day programming, as well as openings for children with and without special needs. Thank you for all of your continued support!

Marc Cowell  
Executive Director

**OUR MISSION:**

The Tiny Tim Center provides comprehensive early childhood education and therapeutic services to assist each child in reaching his or her highest potential.

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## Project-Based Learning in Summer Enrichment Camp!

### Dig in! Engage! Enjoy! Retain! *Grow!*

When I think back on my early childhood *education*, some of my most vivid memories are from summer camp and family camping trips. I recall capturing and observing tadpoles, and planning (*engineering*) the building of a "fort" in the woods in collaboration with my three siblings. Yes, young children learn from, fondly remember, and thrive on experiences that are personally meaningful, exciting, and multi-sensory in nature. Our youngest students learn best through active exploration of their world and engagement with other people. As parents we *know*, for example, that children of all ages enjoy building sandcastles at the beach. Through this fun family adventure that looks like simple playtime, youngsters are provided with an opportunity to learn science, engineering, math, language, motor, sensory, and social skills. Welcome to the exciting world of *project-based learning!* The Tiny Tim Center will be transformed, this summer, into an exciting Gardening Enrichment Camp! The children and staff will be engaged daily in hands-on gardening activities, that carefully integrate math, science, language, literacy, motor skill-building, sensory, dramatic play, music, art, technology, writing, and walking field trip activities into the curriculum. The initiative is already underway; our garden box is scheduled for construction on March 23<sup>rd</sup> (thanks to Eagle Scout, and a Tiny Tim Center Alumni, Cooper Knight), tools have been donated, and the staff will continue collaborative planning of the extensive project over the next two months. Get ready parents, your children will become master vegetable gardeners this summer! Through this concrete and purposeful gardening project, children will have the opportunity to collaborate, think critically and creatively, learn self-sufficiency, take initiative, learn their place in the eco-system, integrate and apply learning, and tackle a real-life project that will be forever useful.

You may be wondering...so what are the benefits of *project-based learning*? Project-based learning is strongly supported by research as the best teaching strategy for preschool children. "Children from preschool classes that offered ample opportunity for child-initiated activity showed the greatest mastery of basic reading, language, and mathematics skills" (*Marcon 1992, 1995, 2002*). Also, there is a positive effect on social and emotional development when children participate in engaging learning activities. "Learning experiences that engage children are especially important during the early years when children's approaches to learning (motivations, attitudes, and behaviors) are developing" (*Jones, Valdez, Norakowski, Rasmussen, 1994*). Project-based learning helps children become global individuals who are capable of improving life in our 21<sup>st</sup> century world. We hope you will join us in our excitement surrounding our project-based learning initiative this summer. Please stop by to see what is happening at The Tiny Tim Center, and thanks for your ongoing support!

Cindy Wickham  
Educational Services Coordinator



## Please Welcome our new Development Manager and our new Educational Coordinator!



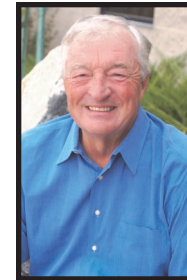
Amanda Stovall, our new Development Manager, came to The Tiny Tim Center from The Boys & Girls Clubs of Austin, Texas. There she worked first as a Club Director, and then as the staff Grant Writer for two years. Prior to living in Texas, she taught high school English in Little Rock, Arkansas for three years. She holds a BA in English from the University of Arkansas, and an MA in Teaching. She relocated to Colorado in November to be with her fiancé, Brandon.



Joining The Tiny Tim Center is a dream come true for Cindy Wickham, who served in the field of Early Childhood Education in the state of Michigan for over 30 years. Cindy has worn many hats as an advocate for young children, including: teacher (home and classroom based) for children of all abilities and learning styles (preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and community college); Early Childhood Curriculum Coordinator; Elementary Principal; Head Start Director; Child Care Director; Great Start Readiness Program Director; and Early Childhood Specialist. Cindy has a BS in elementary and special education, MA in Early Childhood Education, and K-12 Administrative certification in both Michigan and Colorado.



### A Message from the Board President



Winter is waning, and with just a few weeks left in the 2012-2013 school year, The Tiny Tim Center is busy preparing for the summer and fall sessions. The teachers and staff are planning class schedules, gathering items and sponsors for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and laying the groundwork for the September 5k/10k run. This year, our summer preschool session will transition into a year-round program, providing more continuity for parents and children. Therapeutic Services is also a busy place, having added new therapists and cutting-edge programs like Brain Integration Technique (BIT), and expanded into Boulder through a partnership with the Wilderness Early Learning Center.

Administratively, The Center has implemented a five year Strategic Plan with a focus on our marketing and public visibility. The plan's goals are to help make the Longmont and Boulder County communities more aware of the broad range of services offered at The Tiny Tim Center to both typical children and children with special needs. To help make this vision a reality, The Center has worked closely with Social Venture Partners (SVP) of Boulder County, a group of philanthropically minded professionals who share their skills and expertise with area non-profits. Evidence of the team's work can be seen in The Center's new printed materials, interactive social media, and soon: an updated and revamped website.

As we move into the new year, we will continue to implement a model of best practices in all aspects of The Center. Our preschool classrooms will engage all children in skill building around reading, math, social behavior, emotional development, and critical thinking. We will maintain a mix of 60% typical children and 40% children with special needs to ensure all children learn to interact respectfully and kindly with their friends and neighbors. Therapists will continue to see children either on campus or in the child's home, while commuting to Boulder to help meet the need for families there who are seeking high quality pediatric physical, occupational, or speech therapies.

As always, we *need* your help in making sure that The Tiny Tim Center exists for another 57 years. As a non-profit providing tuition assistance to children in need, and accepting Medicaid patients for children in need of therapies, The Center cannot exist on tuition or insurance reimbursements alone. Please assist us with any contributions or sponsorships you are able to make. Refer families to The Center for preschool enrollment. Thank you for your past support in providing the kids with a chance to meet their highest potential, and we look forward to working together to keep the future bright for generations to come!

Sincerely,

Richard Kellogg



"Miss Rachel I want to be a teacher at The Tiny Tim Center when I grow up!" Gabe

## "Celebrate Your Inner Child"

May 4, 2013  
30th Annual Auction!



Makin' a Difference Mondays  
OSKAR BEERS BREWERY

Join us on May 20, 2013 at the Tasty Weasel.  
10% of sales will be given to  
The Tiny Tim Center!

Save The Date!  
2nd Annual Tiny Tim Center  
Family Fun Run/Walk  
5K and 10K!  
September 21, 2013!  
Watch our facebook page for  
more details.

### Employee Recognition!

The following staff members are having an anniversary! We are appreciative for their years of service to The Tiny Tim Center.

#### 1 year of employment :

Zahra Geiling Barbara Cotton Breck Johnston  
Lindsey Blechle Janice Moore Sam Herren  
Alana Lawson

#### 5 Years of employment:

Jessica Fieglund

#### 10 years of employment :

Kathy Keith  
Trish Iannacito

"Dreams come in a size too big so that we may grow into them." Josie Bisset