



Children's TLC
THERAPEUTIC LEARNING CENTER

CHILDREN'S TLC CELEBRATES SERVICES THAT ARE ADDRESSING THE AUTISM EPEDMIC IN KANSAS CITY

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state around 1 in 68 American children have been identified with autism spectrum disorder, a 30% increase from 1 in 88 two years ago.

WHAT: The annual Children's TLC Bluebird Luncheon will be a celebration of the agency's new autism services, which are providing hope for Kansas City families impacted by autism spectrum disorder. Hallmark Cards, Inc. will be honored for their 45 years of continuous support to Children's TLC. Sharon Roberts, OTR/L, a Children's TLC occupational therapist, will be recognized for her 40 years of services to the agency.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Interview opportunities with representatives of the agency

11:30 – 1:30 a.m. Children's TLC Bluebird Luncheon Program

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Interview opportunities with representatives of the agency

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 9th from 11:00-2:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center
2345 McGee St
Kansas City, MO

VISUALS: Media is invited to observe the program and interact with guests. Video and interview opportunities will be available with the following representatives:

- Charity Goodwin-Rosario, parent of a child receiving autism services at Children's TLC
- Patti Glass, Children's TLC Executive Director
- Brent and Linda Anderson, authors of *Unintentional Humor*
- Kate Jamis, Children's TLC Clinical Coordinator and physical therapist

ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S THERAPEUTIC LEARNING CENTER (CHILDREN'S TLC)

Since 1947, Children's TLC has been helping young children with disabilities build the skills they need to lead more independent lives and successfully transition to their next educational environment. The organization's two core programs include a Therapeutic Preschool and Outpatient Therapy Clinic for children with a variety of disabilities, including children diagnosed with autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy. Both programs offer convenient extended hours.

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