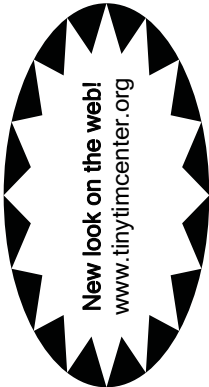


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TRANSITIONING—HOW TINY TIM HELPS!

“Kathryn DiFrank is magic!” This is how Simone Rees feels about the Physical Therapist from Tiny Tim who helped her 13-month-old son walk in just 4 1/2 months. Simone knew something was amiss with Taddg when he wasn't meeting gross motor milestones. He was a content little boy who wasn't crawling or walking. Taddg, as his mother describes him, is very laid back and was quite content to pull things apart and play with toys within his reach.

After Kathryn assessed Taddg, she determined he needed a bit of a push to get moving. Simone says Kathryn worked her magic by listening to her and her son. Kathryn got right down to the child's level and accommodated and integrated into Taddg's playing. She got interested in what he was doing instead of disrupting his play. Taddg grew to love her and enjoyed all of this time with her. But Kathryn's work didn't just stop at the door of Tiny Tim. She sent home with Simone clear, concise, step-by-step instructions



Taddg, 13 months old

that were simple and easy to follow to ensure the progress they were making at the Center extended to Taddg's home life.

The results were incredible. Within 3 to 4 weeks, Taddg was crawling and within 4 to 5 months he was walking! Today, he climbs stairs, runs and skips around the 5 acres he shares with his mom and dad. Since Taddg was a late walker, his parents were told he might be a late talker, which is true. But, with what steps Taddg's parents learned from Kathryn, they are relaxed with his development and they work on other ways for Taddg to communicate—such as sign language.

Simone would recommend Tiny Tim to anyone and truly appreciates the assistance with transitioning her son from one developmental milestone to another.



Taddg, Feeding the chickens



Serving Children Since 1956

Tiny Tim Tales

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TINY TIM CENTER

Join by **October 15** and be a part of the greatest child development center in Longmont. Since 1956 St. Vrain Valley parents of children with special needs have found a developmental experience where their children could receive necessary therapies and educational experiences. In 1990 the Center expanded to include children without special needs. Join now and support this incredible developmental center.

We have four member levels to choose from...

- Discover – \$1000.** Discover members will receive:
- Recognition in the Membership Roster on our website and newsletter
 - Inaugural lego pen
 - Embroidered Tiny Tim apparel
 - Seven-day advance ticket purchases for Tiny Tim events
 - Free developmental screening for family members or friends under the age of 5
 - Professional consultation with a Board member in the fields of finance, physical therapy, marketing/PR, legal or college admissions)

- Challenge – \$500.** Challenge members will receive:
- Recognition in the Membership Roster on our website and newsletter
 - Inaugural lego pen
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HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR TAX BREAK TODAY?



Did you know that you could benefit from your cash gift to Tiny Tim? The Child Care Contribution Credit was designed to promote child care in Colorado. 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 EARNS NAEYC ACCREDITATION



Tiny Tim is one of the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Teedee Keister, Executive Director of Tiny Tim. “NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.”

To earn NAEYC accreditation in the system, the **Tiny Tim Center** went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten new NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten NAEYC program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

In the 20 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 11,000 programs, serving one million young children, are currently accredited by NAEYC—approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs. “The new NAEYC accreditation system raises the bar for preschools, child care centers and other early childhood programs,” said Mark

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TINY TIM PHOTO GALLERY

Annual Valmont Charity Golf Tournament



\$7500 Raised for the Developmental Preschool Program



Susan Jankowsky
Winner, Women's Longest Drive



Cole Gauger hitting for the Closest to the Hole



Dr. Audrey Brodie



Third Ave. Eyecare Tenn



Friends and Board Members of Tiny Tim

A Message from the President



Although it's been quite some time since I was a student myself, I still feel a sense of excitement during the transition from summer vacation to a new school year. The changing weather, the ripening harvest--and especially the eager faces of children entering the Tiny Tim Center each school day--energize me!

Speaking of transitions, this will be a year of new directions for Tiny Tim. As the new Board chair, I am fortunate to work with a group of dedicated colleagues as we:

- develop and adopt a new strategic plan for Tiny Tim
- initiate our first-ever membership drive to attract and recognize supporters of our program
- build on our NAEYC accreditation with new curricula and activities
- celebrate Teecee Keister as she retires after 22 outstanding years with Tiny Tim
- ensure the seamless transition to a new executive director

I thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will do as part of the ever-evolving Tiny Tim Center!

Beth Shipp, President

NAEYC ACCREDITATION (Cont'd from pg 1)

Ginsberg, Ph.D., executive director of NAEYC. "Tiny Tim's NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that they are a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early, childhood education, and to help give all children a better start."

The NAEYC accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. As of September 2006, the Association's revised program standards and criteria have introduced a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

To earn NAEYC accreditation, a program must meet each of the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D FROM PG 1

Explore -- \$250. Explore members will receive:

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- Inaugural logo pen
- Embroidered Tiny Tim bag
- Seven-day advance ticket purchases for Tiny Tim events

Create -- \$100

- Recognition in the Membership Roster on our website and newsletter
- Inaugural logo pen
- 50th Jubilee magnet



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 Teecee 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.

The Tiny Tim Board of Directors for 2008-2009

are:

- President** - Beth Shipp
- Vice-President** - Vicki Schlagerl
- Secretary** - Leslie Lubovich/Sieve Boettcher
- Treasurer** - Mike Kirkland

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- Stacy Conroy
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- Cole Gauger
- Mike Hindman
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- Dan Kohler
- Alison Miesler
- Julia Richardson-Staver
- Deb Schmidt
- Shelly Walker

Watch Your Mail!

Information will follow soon about the 27th Annual Christmas Tree Festival December 6th and 7th, 2008. Watch your mail for details!

GOLF TOURNAMENT Annual Valmont Charity

Once again this year, a great group of employees of Excel Energy, Valmont Plant and their family members hosted a charity golf tournament to benefit the Tiny Tim Center. One hundred golfers and happy duffers played in the scramble format and generously purchased raffle tickets for many donated raffle items. Mike Hindman, who serves on our Board of Directors, won the closest to the hole prize! Special thanks to Glen Nishimoto, Mark Quintana and Mike McKim for all the work that they did. \$7,500 was raised for our developmental preschool program.

TINY TIM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Come join the Tiny Tim family and volunteer your time and talents to help the kids. There are lots of opportunities to make a difference. Do you like things to be organized? Help out in the office with filing, data entry, bulk mailings and such? Creative and like to have fun? Gather your friends together and decorate and donate a Christmas tree for our Annual Christmas Tree Festival OR join the Auction Committee and create packages for the live auction of trips and events that might be on your "bucket list." Based on this year's theme, create centerpieces, invitations, and more to let our guests feel special. Like strategy meetings and the bigger picture? Join our marketing committee to get the word out on what a wonderful place Tiny Tim is. If interested in volunteering call Carey at 303-776-7417 or e-mail us at info@tinytimcenter.org.

TINY TIM GRADUATION

May 22, 2008

Tiny Tim celebrated the graduation of 48 students on May 22, 2008. Of those students, 75% are attending kindergartens at their neighborhood schools, 25% are attending developmental kindergartens (8% Charter/Private schools (9%), Center-Based Programs (8%), Home-School (1%)



Here are 5 of our proud graduates!