

SPECIAL TIMES

Community Therapeutic Day School

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COME CELEBRATE 30 YEARS!

The Community Therapeutic Day School and The Community Therapeutic Day School Supporting Foundation invite you to join us in OCTOBER 2004 for a 30th anniversary event and fundraising benefit. Details to follow.

The 3 r's "READING, 'RITING, 'RITHMETIC" are traditionally considered the foundation of education. In the CTDS community during these 30 years our mission has been to construct an environment within which a broader set of educational tools is learned. These tools, an additional set of 3 r's, are RELATIONSHIP, RESILIENCE and REFLECTION.

Relationships are critical for emotional growth to take place. Resilience allows a child and family to overcome adversity. Reflection brings experience from the past into the present and helps to create possibilities for the future.

Dr. Donald Winnicott
1896-1971

The early philosophy envisioned by the founders of the school embraced the writings of Dr. Donald Winnicott, a British psychoanalyst and pediatrician. Fundamental to his teaching and work with children and families is the concept of the 'holding environment', within which integration and growth take place for the child and family. A holding environment supports each child's physical, social, emotional, cognitive, linguistic and educational needs. A holding environment creates a milieu which facilitates self-realization and the pursuit of education and life.

Founders of CTDS



VISIT OUR PAST... *REFLECTIONS*

MY SON

*Let me tell you about my son,
 who's never invited to play,
 and, oh, he certainly notices,
 as evidenced one day.*

*When passing a group of children,
 who were playing so happily.
 He dropped his chin upon his chest
 and said, "No one will play with me."*

*I tried my best to console him,
 yet the truth was he was right.
 So many I know refuse to see that
 he is kind, loving and bright.*

*His speech - - it is not perfect,
 nor are his play skills I might add.*

*His disability makes it tough
 to have the fun that others have.*

*Yet, oh, if given the chance!
 You'd melt if you heard his laugh,
 and saw the twinkle in his eyes.*

*His sisters, they elicit these
 with just one simple try.*

*You see, they accept him -
 unconditionally.*

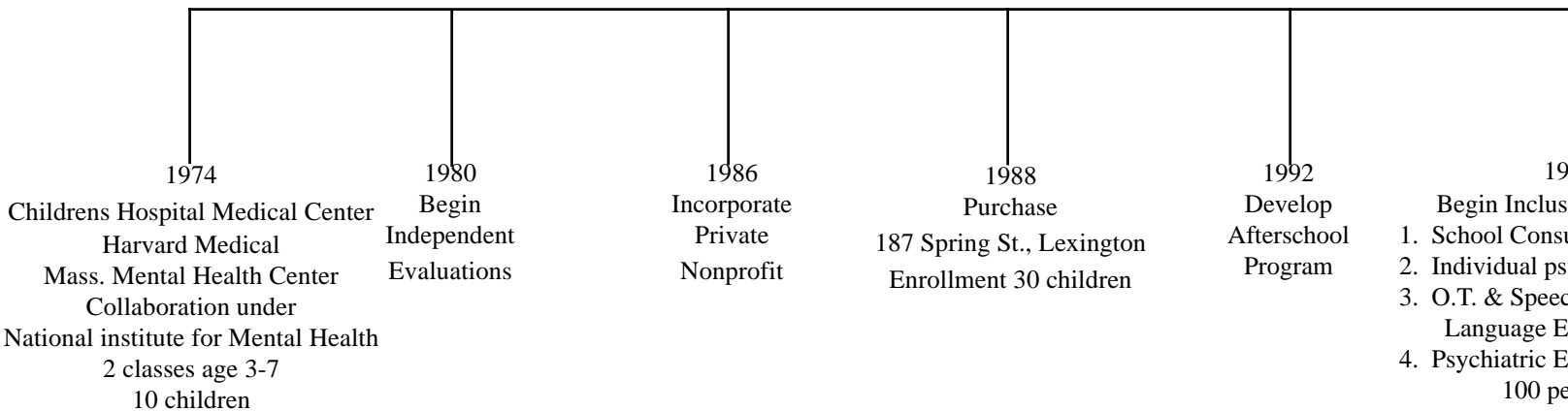
*They see the wisdom, love and kindness,
 that most are too blind to see.*

Terry Gorman
 Alumni Parent



*"I got tender loving care and comfort.
 The school has felt like another home
 to me. When I look at myself when I
 first came to CTDS and looking at
 myself now, I have really improved. I
 can still get upset but I have much
 more control and I know how to help
 myself."*

Maura
 Alumni Student



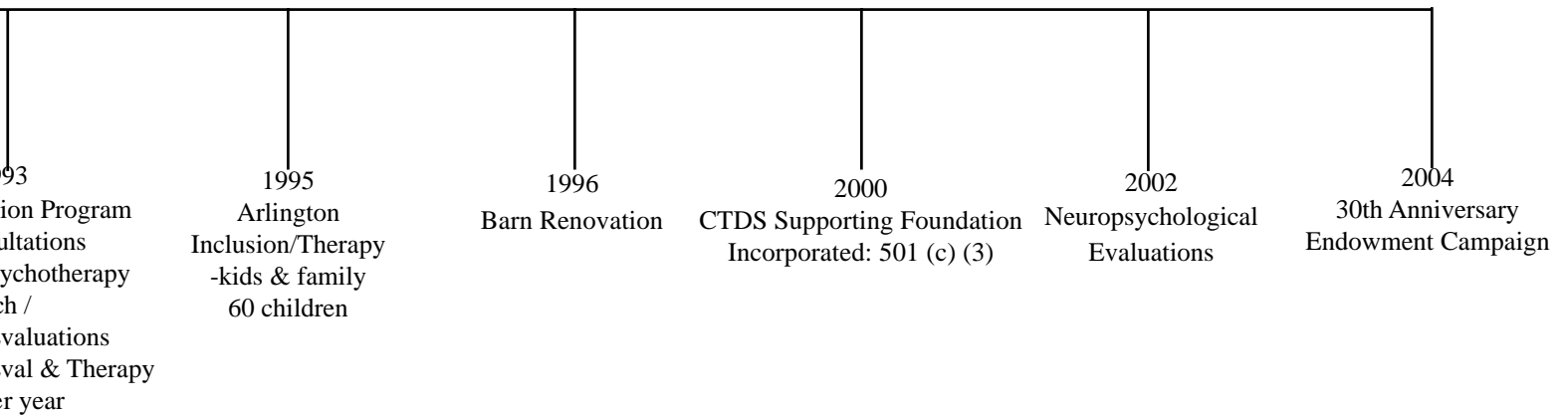
EMBRACE...*RELATIONSHIPS*

“As a result of being embraced by such a caring, compassionate and wonderful group of people at CTDS, we have been able to see what is truly important in our life. Now, when we question what life holds for us, we have discovered through the friendships that we’ve made here that all we have to do is ask ourselves these simple questions: “Are we safe?” “Are we loved?” and “Do we have choices?” Because of the friendships and the acceptance of the people here, I know that I can answer yes to these questions, and therefore consider my family blessed.”

Deb Lagasse
Parent of Alumni Student

“We have gleaned an insight into our son’s often confused emotions and thoughts and have learned how to help him untangle the knots that frustrate him and cause him anxiety. Our knowledge helps him to succeed and enriches our relationship with him.”

Parent
Arlington Public Schools, Inclusion Program



STRENGTHEN OUR... *RESILIENCE*

OUR SCHOOL IS A PLACE THAT FOSTERS RESILIENCE
IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
HELP US SUPPORT OUR ENDOWMENT
FOR THE STAFF, SCHOOL AND THE FUTURE.

**Community Therapeutic Day School Supporting Foundation
Endowment Capital Campaign Goal - 4 million**

raised	550,000
to be raised	3,450,000

Additional Projects

New play ground	28,000
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**Construction of new wing -
conference room**

therapy rooms waiting room	200,000
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Mortgage - pay down mortgage	320,000
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