



Have you tried to go a week, or even a day, without reading? A letter from a friend, a webpage, directions on a microwave dinner, an invitation to a party — our lives are filled with words. DII's work gives children and adults the skills to work and play in our language-based society.

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## Camp Delafield

First and foremost, we would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our staff, volunteers, families, and campers who took part in the 2008 camp season!

Our 19th annual Camp Delafield program was a huge success! On average our campers had an improvement in literacy by 12% over four short weeks. We saw that our "whole child" focus had an impact as campers increased their confidence on a daily basis.

Intensive language remediation using the Orton-Gillingham approach was the cornerstone of Camp Delafield's academic program. We combined this with Applied Mathematics, Reading Fluency, Comprehension and Written Expression to create a jam-packed morning. During the afternoons, our campers participated in everything from a teambuilding ropes course and swimming, to karate and a life skills program. This balance of academics with recreational activities gave each and every camper a very well rounded experience.

Scholarships are what made Camp Delafield a reality for many; thank you to

those who sponsored a camper! If you are interested in sponsoring a child for next years 20th annual camp, please contact our office. Several sponsorship levels are available.

DII wishes all of our campers an exciting school year full of new learning experiences. We hope to see all of you at our fall reunion and back at Camp Delafield next year!

**Thank you to those who helped to support Camp Delafield in 2008!**



*DII would send a special thank you to all donors of the 2008 Camp Delafield program!*

## Indianapolis Monthly Dream Home 2008

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2008 Indianapolis Monthly Dream Home. This event will take place October 4th through the 19th at Hampton Cove in Geist.

This year's Dream Home features nearly 10,000 square feet of luxury on the water. The home builder is Brad Bowman from Homes by Design and the developer is Jeff McDonald. All proceeds of this event benefit the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana and help our organization continue supporting children and adults overcoming reading disabilities.

Volunteers are still needed at this years

event! Volunteering at the Dream Home is a lot of fun, especially when you sign up with a group of people you already know—with friends, family members, neighbors, church groups, co-workers, or a book club. To sign up please call our office at 317-545-5451 ext. 226, or register online at [www.dyslexiaindiana.org](http://www.dyslexiaindiana.org).



## DII Releases the Ready, Set, Read! 3-Year Report

The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana releases the *Ready, Set, READ!* Report with a great sense of accomplishment. The three-year *Ready, Set, READ!* program enabled our staff to help more than 400 “at risk” students significantly grow in their reading and writing skills. In addition, gains in students’ self-esteem and academic confidence were made that cannot be quantitatively measured.

As with most projects of this magnitude, there were both great gains made and challenges to overcome. Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) personnel welcomed our assistance with open arms. Even in schools where a number of teachers were trained and utilize multi-sensory educational techniques, we found student needs outweigh the teachers’ availability to work with all children. Numerous teachers commented that they just needed “extra hands” to help. With the assistance from *Ready, Set, READ!*, more children received the intervention support they needed, and classroom teachers were more equipped to support students in their core subject learning. Working with students in their primary learning environment is an integral part of maximizing long-term retention of skills learned.

With the generous support of many Central Indiana citizens, foundations, and organizations we were able to extend DII’s mission to our urban schools. The funding we received over the past three years allowed us to support students who otherwise may have missed opportunities to realize their individual potential.

Our work in IPS is not complete! We

sincerely hope the resources can be found to continue the *Ready, Set, READ!* program. While DII is branching out to new school districts, our school support program would feel incomplete if we were not able to continue serving the needs of the largest school district in the state; the Indianapolis Public Schools.

### Media Release

*Students are heading back to school and the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana is ready to help more students improve reading and spelling skills. DII’s Ready, Set, READ! program has successfully helped hundreds of IPS students become better readers and overall students.*

Not that long ago, IPS student Joey Kloss would dread the start of school. He was a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student reading at a 1<sup>st</sup> grade level. He was frustrated, embarrassed and often ridiculed by other students. “Everybody made fun of me because I couldn’t read.”

Joey’s principal recommended him for DII’s *Ready, Set, READ!* program and things started to change. “In one year, my reading improved six grade levels and I was the same as my classmates.” Joey is not the only student who has seen improvement.

The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana’s (DII) *Ready, Set, READ!* program has helped IPS students dramatically increase reading scores. On average, participating students have seen their reading and spelling skills improve two grade levels.

Based on findings from pre and post testing, students who participated in *Ready, Set, READ!* for one year (and received approximately 55 instructional sessions) improved reading and spelling skills by an average of 20%. Students who participated in the program for two consecutive years averaged a 38%

improvement in reading and spelling skills. The positive outcomes are the result of 1-1 instruction with trained DII tutors along with small group multi-sensory direct instruction.

“Statistics tell us that 15% of the population struggles with a language learning disability. That means 4 or 5 students in every average sized classroom,” says Rosie Hickle the Executive Director of the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana.

For the past three years DII has partnered with 13 IPS schools; trained 124 teachers; and provided approximately 10,300 hours of instruction to IPS students. The schools in IPS with whom DII has worked through the *Ready, Set, READ!* program credit the program with helping increase their overall student achievement numbers. In fact, 70% of schools participating in *Ready, Set, READ!* in 2007 met AYP standards in Language Arts.

*Ready, Set, READ!* has been made possible by grants and Title One funding. DII is hoping to continue its partnership with IPS and expand into other school systems.

“Our vision for the future is that we continue to help students in IPS improve their literacy and the districts graduation rate. We also know that this should be a community wide initiative so that other school districts can take advantage of this much needed help for their students. DII hopes to gain the support of other organizations to reach our goal of creating a better future for all students,” says Hickle.

For more information about the *Ready, Set, READ!* program please visit [www.diireadyssetread.com](http://www.diireadyssetread.com).

## Welcome New Staff Members

### **Kristin Baxter, Camp Delafield Director and Communications Coordinator**

This July, Kristin Baxter joined the DII staff. Kristin comes to us from the field of radio advertising. Prior to her work in radio, she taught middle school English and coached girls tennis in Wayne Township. She holds a degree in Telecommunications from Indiana University, and a Graduate Education Certificate from IUPUI. Kristin is very eager to utilize her diverse background to serve the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana.

### **Pamela Fairchild, Office Administrator**

Pamela Fairchild joined DII in June of 2008. Pamela graduated from Butler University in May of 2008. She obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Media Arts and Public Relations. Pamela has been an active member of the non-profit community for several years. Pamela is excited to use her experience and educational background to support DII in her role as Office Administrator/Fund Development Assistant.

## Graduates of the 2008 OG Class

Congratulations to the newest graduates of DII's Basic Orton-Gillingham Training. Mary Binnion did a wonderful job training this fantastic group! This class displayed determination, hard work, and a thirst for knowledge. We are confident our new tutors will be wonderful additions to the DII Instructional staff. We are happy to welcome these talented instructors to our staff:

**Gina Henson   Andrea Hodskins   Holly Sannes   Kristi Stohler**

## Success Stories: A Letter from Lexi Bogdanoff



I have Dyslexia, but it is not who I am. Even though I have had some struggles it has not stopped me from accomplishing my goals. My first grade teacher and parents noticed my struggles at an early age. Camp Delafield along with others helped me overcome Dyslexia. While working with them they helped me find strategies to better my academics. I learned how to use my positive characteristics to manage Dyslexia. Through all of my work and with the help of others I have achieved some of my biggest goals.

In first grade, my teacher pointed

out to my parents that I may be Dyslexic. I soon realized that I was having trouble with my spelling tests because I was switching the letters "b" and "d". Also, when we would read out loud I had trouble with a lot of the words and got nervous every time. I thought that the kids would laugh at me. My parents then decided to get me tested. The test showed that I, indeed, suffered from dyslexia.

As I told you before I had trouble when writing and reading the letters "b" and "d". To fix this my tutor told me to look at the word "bed". When you look at the word "bed" you see which way the "b" and "d" are turned which helped me to remember this when I was spelling. Her advice really helped. I also got nervous reading in front of people. My tutor helped me overcome my anxiety reading out loud in the class. Another problem I had that Camp Delafield helped me with was my spelling tests. It was great because she helped me make flashcards with different color glue to point out the different syllables in each word. Camp Delafield's

unique and caring teaching methods helped me control my dyslexia and restore my confidence.

Dyslexia has not been easy to defeat but having an upbeat and positive personality along with hard work has made it a little easier. Using my spelling tools (that I learned through tutoring) for the past few years allows reading to come naturally to me. Because I am Dyslexic, written tests are hard for me to comprehend because I am a very verbal learner. I have learned that because I am a hard worker that asking lots of question can help you out if you don't understand. Teachers are there to help you; they won't think any question is silly. Dyslexia is not an easy thing to get over but being a hard worker and having a positive attitude have helped me overcome it.

I have Dyslexia but it is not who I am. The journey was long and hard but I was able to conquer my goal of overcoming Dyslexia. With the help of caring tutors at Camp Delafield and others, I can say I am achieving in school, thank you. So, as you can see, if I can do it anyone can.

## Catch the Stars

Indiana fever forward, Tamika Catchings, and the Catch the Stars Foundation, provided DII students with the opportunity to attend an Indiana Fever game.

This organization was developed as a way of directly giving back to the Indianapolis community. Disadvantaged youth in the

Indianapolis Metropolitan area are

given a chance to catch their dreams "one star at a time" through academic and sports programming.

DII was able to invite several families to sit in "Catchings Corner" at Consecro Field house to watch the Indiana Fever play against the Chicago Sky.

**Thank you to the Catch the Stars Foundation!**



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online at [www.dyslexiaindiana.org](http://www.dyslexiaindiana.org) or call at 317-545-5451

## Inspirations by Nancy Noel

Nancy Noel invites all friends of The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana to join her for an extraordinary experience at *The Sanctuary*. Noel has a deep desire to inspire, support and encourage those who face the challenges of Dyslexia.

As a child growing up with undiagnosed Dyslexia, she knows firsthand the emotional and academic difficulties it can cause. She wants all to know that you have a voice, you are intelligent and all your dreams are within your reach.

Please Join Us:

**Saturday, September 13, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. – Noon**

**The Sanctuary**

75 N. Main St., Zionsville, IN 46077

317.733.1117

**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.:** Guests Arrive and Introductions

**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.:** Tour of The Sanctuary

**11:00 a.m. – Noon:** Complimentary Refreshments in the main gallery, visit with Nancy Noel, visit our Gift Shop  
20% of all purchases made today will benefit The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana

**Noon:** Lunch optional in the Curator's Café, reservations requested (menu selection \$8 - \$13)

10% of all lunch purchases made will benefit The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana

**R.S.V.P. by Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> to Kristin Baxter,  
Communications Coordinator, Dyslexia Institute of  
Indiana (317) 545-5451, ext. 225 or  
[kbaxter@dyslexiaindiana.org](mailto:kbaxter@dyslexiaindiana.org)**

## Special Events in September

**The Learning Brain, Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008 at 7pm**

*Park Tudor School, Ayres Auditorium*

*7200 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46240*

E-mail: [contact@inbofida.com](mailto:contact@inbofida.com) by Sept. 22nd to register

The Indiana Branch of IDA welcomes Dr. Maryanne Wolf, PhD, Professor of Child Development at Tufts University, Director of the Center for Reading and Language Research, and esteemed author of *Proust and the Squid*. Dr. Wolf will speak on the science of the reading brain. She will discuss the remarkable journey that children make from learning about their world through oral language to later exploring the beauty of the written language.

**A Special Workshop for Educators, Sept. 26, 2008**

**9:00 am—3:00 pm**

*Park Tudor School, Upper School Building Wood Room*

*A \$100.00 fee will include full day training and lunch.*

E-mail: [contact@inbofida.com](mailto:contact@inbofida.com) to receive a registration form.

Registration forms and \$100 payment are due by Sept. 22nd.

Presented by Tufts University outstanding educator, Stephanie Gottwald, this workshop will present current brain research and an overview of how brain functioning affects both accomplished and struggling readers.

Teachers will come away from this workshop with a new view of reading, tools to assess fluency and comprehension, and teaching techniques to be used with a wide variety of students.

Both events are hosted by the Indiana Branch of IDA, with assistance from DII and Park Tudor School.