



**Dyslexia Institute
of Indiana**

Word Play

When Words Work



Volume 2, Issue 2

Summer 2009

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.

DII Board of Directors

2008-2009

Paul Bogdanoff *Chair*

David Craig *Vice Chair*

Renate Donahue *Secretary*

Jay Horn *Treasurer/Vice Chair*

David Bodle

Immediate Past Chair

Members

Matt Lacy

Carol Golden

Jeanne Malone

Julia Richter

Steve Combs

Robert Lee

Steve Pratt

DII Staff

Rosie Hickle *Executive Director*

Sylvia McGhee *Director of Finance
and Operations*

Melodie Hornickel
Director of Tutor & Family Services

Katie Maxwell *Director of Programs*

Kristin Baxter
*Camp Delafield Director/
Communications Coordinator*

Lea Storm *Placement Coordinator*

Vendora Mills *Program Administrator*

Pamela Fairchild *Office Administrator*

Celebrating our Past, Present, and Future

Save the date for September 13, 2009!

DII (the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana) is going to have a memorable celebration to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Camp Delafield from 1pm-4pm at Jenn Park. This will be the kick-off event to a year of reminiscing about the numerous successes and challenges DII has faced over the past 20 years.

The Inception of Camp Delafield

Carolyn Conners, DII's founding president, described the creation of DII as a large tapestry being woven from concept to reality as our premier program, Camp Delafield, began to take form in 1989. That same year, Charles Wells also completed and filed the application to become a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. Dedicated individuals spent countless hours throughout the winter of 1989-1990 preparing for the opening of Camp Delafield in June of 1990. Our first camp was held on the grounds of Leinart's Gym with 40 campers enrolled.



Wells Outreach: Early Beginnings

In 1995, Betty Wells funded the costs to begin a year-round tutoring program. Two tutors began working with several students in the basement of a church. Outreach tutoring grew rapidly over the next decade. Betty then continued her commitment to DII by providing scholarship help for students who were unable to afford these services. In addition to working with many children who have dyslexia, this program gave DII the opportunity to train more tutors, support parents, tutor adults with dyslexia, and begin to support teachers in the classroom. We also became a prominent resource and referral service for many parents and teachers looking for dyslexia support.

Recent Expansion

In 2004 we initiated our Ready, Set, READ! school-based program helping students in Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), the largest school district in Indiana. Providing direct tutoring service to students during the school day was a huge addition to DII's programmatic capacity. Ready, Set, READ! also led to DII offering teacher training and workshop opportunities to many other school districts in Indiana.

In fiscal year 2008, DII served 340 students utilizing 60 tutors throughout Indianapolis and Central Indiana. Our office staff has grown from 2 to 8 employees in order to support the program options that are now available at DII.

Over the course of the past 20 years, each child and adult student, tutor, parent and volunteer have worked to add to the design, beauty, color, texture, and rich fabric of this tapestry that we now call DII. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, I sincerely hope you will join us in reflecting on the work of the many board members, staff, tutors, parents, funders, and volunteers that brought this organization to where it is today.

—Rosie Hickle, Executive Director

Welcome New DII Board Members!

This spring, DII welcomed Steven Pratt and Robert Lee to the Board of Directors; we look forward to their contributions in helping DII reach its strategic planning goals, specifically as members of the DII Public Awareness Board Committee.

Robert Lee, Owner and President of Lee Supply Corporation, has extensive experience in long-term business planning and facility development and hopes to use this expertise to assist the organization in marketing endeavors. Mr. Lee's wife Paula has been an instructor for DII for over five years and

therefore has an intimate knowledge of our organization. Since joining the Board, Robert Lee has already assisted DII as a valuable member of the Camp Delafield Restoration Project team and donated materials to this project that were outside the scope of grant funded activities.

Steven Pratt, of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C. came to DII through Camp Delafield; Mr. Pratt's son attended his second season of Camp Delafield and has made significant academic progress this year receiving tutoring services through DII's Wells Outreach Program. Steven

currently teaches at the Indiana University School of Law, serves on the Board of Directors for Young Parkinson's of Indiana, Inc. and is the co-founder and board member of the BioDiversity Research Institute, Inc. His background in the field of Health Law and personal connection to the issues surrounding dyslexia make him a valuable asset to our Board.

On behalf of the DII staff and Board of Directors, we offer our sincere appreciation to Steven and Robert for offering us their time and talents.

— Paul Bogdanoff

Camp Delafield 2009

This summer marked Camp Delafield's twentieth anniversary, and we celebrated with the best summer yet!

Fifty-five campers attended Camp Delafield over two four-week sessions held at Louis Jenn Park. The mornings consisted of Applied Math, Phonemic Awareness, Written Expression, Art, and one-on-one Orton-Gillingham tutoring.

Theater of Inclusion joined us once a week in the mornings to facilitate workshops on art, respect, and teamwork. The campers worked very hard in the mornings, and we are very excited to see the results when the school year begins!

The afternoons were based on

learning through recreational activities, field trips, mystery guests, and karate. Our field trips included the Central Library, Young Chef's Academy, The Indiana State Museum, and the S.P.I.C.E. Challenge Course.

From our mystery guests, we learned all about photography, drawing, reptiles and mammals, and how dogs can be used to improve our reading. Karate helped the campers with coordination and discipline, and the Recreational Staff did a great job teaching team sports and activities.

We would like to thank the Camp Delafield Staff for making this past summer so successful. We would also like to express our

gratitude to Marsh, Aldi, National Wine & Spirits, Coca-Cola, and the Lawrence Parks Department for their generous donations. Thank you for a fantastic summer!!!

Congrats to Camp Delafield Intern, Alex Stewart, a recipient of the 2009 Excellence in Summer Service Education Award!



Camp Delafield and DII Celebrate 20 years

"Time flies when you're having fun." This year Camp Delafield celebrates 20 years of serving the Indianapolis community. What better way to kick-off our 20th birthday than an all camp reunion and picnic.

We invite all past and present Camp Delafield campers, staff, families and friends to join us on September 13th at Louis Jenn Memorial Park (10450 East 63rd Street). We will begin at 1pm and will conclude at 4pm.

Help us gather campers, staff, and friends to make this a great day for DII and Camp Delafield.

Call DII and RSVP today. If you would like to volunteer at this event please call Jeanne Malone 317-257-8139.

PLEASE JOIN DII'S ONLINE COMMUNITY!



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

WWW.DYSLEXIAINDIANA.ORG

- FIND RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS, PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DYSLEXIA
- DOWNLOAD THE 3-YEAR READY, SET, READ! SCHOOL PROGRAM REPORT
- VISIT OR TRAINING AND EVENT CALENDAR
- REQUEST SERVICES OR INFORMATION ONLINE
- SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTER



Testing now Available at DII



DII would like to welcome Mary Beth Robinson to the staff. Mary Beth has joined DII part time to direct our testing and evaluation services. She knows many of our students from her previous work at St. Mary's Child Guidance Center. Mary Beth's affiliation with DII permits the agency to offer testing in our office.

These evaluations are critical for tutor and school placement, as well as, qualifying students for accommodations during high stakes testing (SAT's, ACT's, GRE's, LSAT's, AMCAT's etc). Mary Beth is excited about this opportunity to expand DII services. If you are interested in scheduling an evaluation or learning more about our expanded services please call the DII office.

- Jeanne Malone, Board Member



Mary Beth Robinson
School Psychologist, NCSP

SAVE THE DATES!

THE 2009 INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY DREAM HOME

OCTOBER 10-18
3 MASS AVE PENTHOUSE
<http://3mass.com>

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------|------|
| Thursday Oct. 1 | 9 -11AM | *Coffee with the Designer | \$20 |
| Thursday Oct. 1 | 5:30-8PM | *Wine Down with Art and Design | \$20 |
| Tuesday Oct. 6 | 9-11AM | Volunteer Coffee | |
| Thursday Oct. 8 | 7-10 PM | *Patron/Preview Party | \$75 |

Buy tickets for these events at the DII Office or online at Indianapolis Monthly's website

Thanks to the generosity of Emmis Communications and Dream Home participants, this event has raised over **One Million Dollars** for the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, a 501(C) 3 organization devoted to teaching children and adults with dyslexia to read.

Dyslexia Institute of Indiana
2511 East 46th Street, Suite O-2
Indianapolis, IN 46205

We express our profound appreciation to the following foundations for their current support:

Arts Council of Indianapolis
The Clowes Fund, Inc.
Efroymsen Family Fund, a CICF Fund
Felstein Charitable Trust
Gannett Foundation
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Foundation
W.C. Griffith Foundation
Hook Drug Foundation
Hoover Family Foundation
The Indianapolis Foundation, a CICF Affiliate
Junior League of Indianapolis
Lilly Endowment, Inc.
Lilly Family Foundation
Ruth Lily Philanthropic Foundation
Lumina Foundation
Nicholas H. Noyes Jr., Memorial Foundation
Pacers Foundation, Inc.
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
Summer Youth Program Fund
TJX Foundation

Help us Grow!

For volunteer or donation opportunities please visit us online at www.dyslexiaindiana.org or call at 317-545-5451



Support DII pennies at a time – just by searching the internet!

GoodSearch is a search engine which donates 50-percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. It's a simple and compelling concept. **You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine.** Because it's powered by Yahoo!, you get proven search results. The money GoodSearch donates to your cause comes from its advertisers—the users and the organizations do not spend a dime!

If you use Goodsearch.com as your search engine a penny will be donated to DII every time you search!

Every Penny Counts! Thank you for supporting DII!

SIMON TRENDS & FRIENDS

THE FASHION MALL AT KEYSTONE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009
6:00PM-9:00PM

This unique occasion is filled with in-store events, special offers, live entertainment, and refreshments. Plus, it's a fun way to get a jump start on holiday shopping!

Tickets can be purchased through DII for \$10 each. DII receives \$7 for each ticket sold, and \$3 goes to benefit the Simon Youth Foundation.

- Please call 317-545-5451 to reserve your tickets now!
- For more information on the event, please email Kristin at kbaxter@dyslexiaindiana.org.

