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Our Son's Legacy



It was midway through third grade when my husband and I knew we needed to do something to help our son Drew. There were many signs of dyslexia as I reflect back on his school work, but there was one assignment that I will never forget. He had just completed a project for his history class. It was an S-shaped timeline on an 8 ½ x 11" piece of paper. My husband kept insisting that he needed to "fix" his work before he handed it in. Drew was adamant that it was done and that it was right. As this battle of wills escalated, Drew finally just cried in desperation, "But it looks right to me!" After reviewing his work, I discovered that Drew had written his words and letters backwards as he followed the S-shaped lines. That was the moment I knew he was not going to "outgrow" the difficulty he was having with language.

We soon began our journey into the world of dyslexia and the Orton-Gillingham (OG) Approach. After speaking with a friend of mine, I found out about the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana. I met with a DII tutor who gave Drew an informal assessment and indicated he displayed some characteristics of dyslexia. This was the spring of 2000. There was a waiting list for tutoring at DII but because I was homeschooling my children, I was encouraged to attend the Orton-Gillingham Basic Language Class offered by DII. I tutored Drew for the next one and a half years, and I saw remarkable progress in his ability to read and spell. He also attended Camp Delafield the following two summers. He had made so much progress that he was able to handle even the advanced OG concepts. Our journey was well on its way at that point.

During his 7th and 8th grade years he continued progressing at the Hutson School. As a high school student at Lutheran High School in Indianapolis, Drew has developed into a strong independent learner with a fierce tenacity for quality school work. He also became a cadet in their Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Program and has advanced to the rank of Cadet Captain and Commander of his flight. He is due for promotion to Cadet Major in May 2010. Most of the advancement in rank requires extensive reading and subsequent testing from their leadership manual.

As a junior, Drew became more confident in his studies and enrolled in the Advanced Placement (AP) English Composition course. As he experienced more success, he filled his senior year with an AP course in Literature and honors courses in Physics, Pre-Calculus, and Government.

Drew has had to overcome his dyslexia with a lot of hard work and perseverance. I also give credit to a variety of dedicated tutors and teachers who were professionally trained in the Orton-Gillingham Approach. He needed instruction utilizing his visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning pathways. His current GPA is 4.123. His extracurricular activities with CAP has enabled Drew to apply for and be accepted to Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets program with an Air Force ROTC scholarship. My husband and I are so proud of him.

That being said, we know that Drew will continue to struggle with and work through his dyslexia as it still affects his directionality, inner sense of timing, fluency, and dysgraphia. We have also been able to take advantage of the excellent testing services provided at DII so Drew has an updated Psycho-Educational Evaluation as he seeks supportive services and accommodations at the college level.

The tutoring that Drew received gave him the gift of reading and the empowerment necessary to overcome many of his challenges. We will always be grateful to DII's talented and caring staff for helping make Drew's abilities evident, but also supporting his weaknesses. We now know that Drew's dreams and aspirations are well within his reach.

Submitted with Gratitude,

Karen Sheehy, Parent and DII Tutor

Jane H. Fortune (1915-2010)



Jane H. Fortune played an instrumental role in the formation and continuation of DII's Camp Delafield. Jane was a founding member of Camp Delafield and served on the Advisory and Overseers Committees.

Moving to Indianapolis as a child, she attended St. Joan of Arc Grade School, St. Agnes High School, and Butler University. She graduated from Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. In 1937 with a B.S. in Journalism.

In the early years, she and her husband owned and published

two weekly Indiana newspapers where her many duties included being the social editor. She was also involved in many local civic organizations and social charities. At various times, she served as the second vice-president of the Indianapolis Garden Club, as a board member of the Indianapolis Garden Club, as a board member of the Indianapolis Junior League, a vice-president of the Women for Better Government, treasurer of the Christamore Aid Society and chairwoman of the Northwood University (Michigan) Library League. In 1974, she was honored as a Distinguished Woman of Northwood University.

In her later years, she was active as a member of the Board of Advocates for the White River Park

in Indianapolis. She was a member of The Dramatic Club, Woodstock Club, and the Leland Country Club.

She was quick with a bright smile and a touch of humor to everyone who was fortunate to be in her company. Throughout her long full life, she exemplified the epitome of elegance and grace.

The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana has received a generous charitable bequest from Mrs. Fortune's estate. In Mrs. Fortune's honor, DII will create the Jane H. Fortune Memorial Scholarship Fund for Camp Delafield. Her legacy will continue as we fund campers who may otherwise not be able to access these services.

Indiana Authors Breakfast

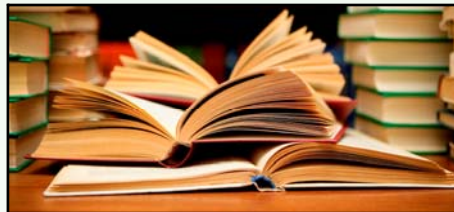
This inaugural fundraising event will feature six Indiana authors. Corporate and Patron guests will have an opportunity to have a personal meet and greet with the individual authors prior to the event. A buffet breakfast will be served. There will then be a short program that will feature an interview with each author.

Saturday, June 12, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Meridian Hills Country Club
7099 Spring Mill Road
Indianapolis, IN 46260**

**Honorary Co-Chairs:
John and Carolyn Mutz**



For more information on the participating authors visit:
www.dyslexiaindiana.org/events.

To purchase tickets contact Lindsay at
DII: 317-545-5451 x226;
lgolden@dyslexiaindiana.org.

Corporate tables of 10: \$850

Includes:

- Meet and greet with the authors
- Program listing
- Table signage

Patron tickets: \$60

Includes:

- Meet and greet with the authors
- Program listing

Individual Tickets: \$40

The 2010 Indianapolis Monthly Dream Home

The 2010 Indianapolis Monthly Dream Home will be in Lost Run Farm, located in Zionsville, IN. The Tuscan style dream home is over 8,500 square feet with 5+ bedrooms and 7 bathrooms. The builder of the 2010 Dream Home is Christopher Scott Homes: www.cshomes.com. The interior designs will be a collaborative effort by Luxe Interior, Rosalind Pope, and Linda Mordoh of Savvy Décor.

Save the Dates:

The Indianapolis Monthly Preview Party: Thursday, September 2, 2010. Tickets are \$75 per person.
Dream Home Event:

- Saturday, September 4—Monday, September 6
- Thursday, September 9—Sunday, September 12
- Thursday, September 16—Sunday, September 19

Dream Home tickets are \$12 and will be available through DII, at the door, or www.indianapolismonthly.com. \$2 off coupons will be available at Indianapolis area Marsh locations.

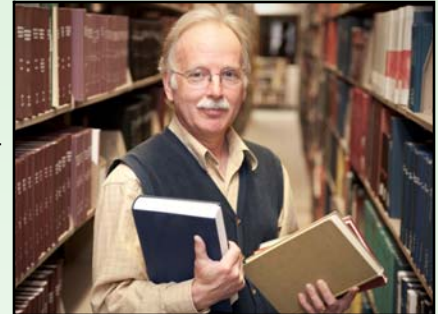
Read-To-Work Adult Program

DII has created a program specifically to address the needs of adults in our community with language learning disabilities. These adults are challenged by their reading and study abilities, often only reading at or below a fifth-grade level. This impairs their ability to explore higher education and/or technical training, which directly effects their employability.

At this time, we provide one-on-one sessions with a highly trained professional tutor. The student is assessed and sessions are designed specifically for that student's needs. These individualized sessions run one hour long and are held two times per week in a location convenient for the student. In most cases, these sessions occur concurrently with their college/technical course work.

DII has three paths to prepare adult students in their Read-To-Work endeavors:

- GED Path – Students on this path receive individualized tutoring to prepare them for the GED test. Specific support includes remedial reading and comprehension skills, study skills (to include test taking skills), and math remediation, if needed.
- Certification Path – Students on this path are seeking professional certification but are experiencing difficulties with mastering required certification texts. Specific tutoring emphasizes student's comprehension of the focused subject.
- College Course Path – Students on this path focus on pursuing a chosen field of study (ie: medical, legal, mechanical, and/or technical), but are experiencing difficulties with required texts. Specific support includes Advanced Orton-Gillingham Language Techniques.



DII Partners with Marian University

DII is very excited to announce a new partnership with Marian University. We will now be able to offer classes for graduate credit in Basic Orton-Gillingham Approach and Multisensory Math.

Upcoming summer classes include:

- Basic Orton-Gillingham Approach: June 14—June 25, 2010. **FULL**
- Basic Orton-Gillingham Approach: July 12—July 23, 2010.
- Multisensory Math Instruction: July 12—July 23, 2010
- Basic Orton-Gillingham Approach: August 2—October 2, 2010

Contact Rosie Hickle: rhickle@dyslexiaindiana.org or visit www.dyslexiaindiana.org/training for more information, to register online, or to download an application.

Psycho-Educational Evaluations Now Offered at DII

Mary Beth Robinson, School Psychologist, NCSP, contracts with DII to provide testing and evaluation services.

DII offers:

- Complete Psycho-Educational Evaluations
- Academic Evaluations
- College Paperwork Assistance
- Cognitive IQ Evaluations
- Kindergarten Readiness Evaluations
- Consultations

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). If you are interested in scheduling an evaluation or learning more about our expanded services please call the DII office: 317-545-5451. Testing discounts are available.

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- REQUEST SERVICES OR INFORMATION ONLINE
- SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTER

