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A newsletter for friends, families and supporters of The Learning Tree

Celebrating 40 Years of Service in 2023

The Learning Tree
40th
ANNIVERSARY

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A Message From the Executive Director, Dr. Marc Williams



40 Years of Service

Since 1983 The Learning Tree has served children and families from across Alabama and the Southeast. We hope that you will join us in celebrating this 40-year milestone throughout the upcoming year.

In new developments I am happy to announce that we opened a new school location in Anniston, that replaces the old Piedmont school. In Mobile I am thrilled to

see the progress being made in the new multi-purpose building. Staff and students will be met with an all new state of the art facility, offering a warm and welcoming design.

Nine new minivans were awarded by the Alabama Department of Transportation for 2023 residential programs. In addition, eight minivans were delivered in those counties from prior year grants.

We are thrilled to welcome Aimee Spruill as Regional Director in Anniston/Jacksonville. Aimee has been with The Learning Tree for a number of years, serving as Director of the Anniston preschool for the majority of her tenure. Molly Dolan has joined our Resource Development Team and will be working in the Mobile area.

I hope that all of you are as excited and pleased as I am with our new logo and refreshed branding methods that have just been released. We appreciate your support and your patience as we move forward, as there are many parts in the transition. We appreciate the hard work of our Resource Development team in this project.

Make Your Impact!

Facing a new year, we have an opportunity to examine our personal impact in our work and our work relationships. Let's all take up the challenge and truly be representatives of our strong history and new brand.

As always I appreciate our board of directors and our staff for your time, dedication, and contributions to our program.

Here's to the next 40 years!

Thank You!



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Positive Growth Influences Change

We are proud to announce and share our new, refreshed brand identity. This change demonstrates the significant growth and progress of The Learning Tree since its founding in 1983.

Even with such a big change, our commitment to our mission remains the same.

Over many months, we have poured our hearts into crafting a new modern image that would more accurately depict who we are and what we do.

Our goal is to maintain a positive and motivated work culture that will result in even better services for each individual we serve.

We appreciate your support as we continue "growing together".



Field of Dreams Charity Car Festival

The 2nd annual Field of Dreams Charity Car Festival had 90 cars in attendance! NASCAR Legend, Bill Elliott, signed autographs as he celebrated the children of The Learning Tree! Congratulations to all award recipients. We look forward to future partnerships with this worthwhile event.



20 Years

Fenwick Chinkhwangwa celebrates 20 years with our Mobile Campus.



Autism Shines Gala

The Learning Tree was a proud sponsor of the Autism Support "Autism Shines Gala."



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BCBAs representing TLT at the Alabama ABA Conference.



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Tallahassee, Alabama

thelearningtree_al Rain, rain, go away! We do our best to find engaging indoor activities to have fun even when the weather doesn't agree.

The Learning Tree, Inc.
Nov 4 · 🌐

Oozy gooey squishy Halloween Fun!

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Nov 2 · 🌐

Fall Fest Success! We had some awesome costumes in Jacksonville!

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Mobile Staff channeling their flannel! So colorful and festive! 🎄

The Learning Tree, Inc.
Oct 25 · 🌐

[The Learning Tree, Inc.](#) Growing Independence Behavioral Services in Montgomery is participating in spirit days this week. Yesterday was "We... See more

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Montgomery, Alabama

thelearningtree_al Wipe away those weekday scares -- we are one day away from FRIDAY! 🍀

The Learning Tree, Inc.
Oct 27 · 🌐

Each Thursday is now known as Tribute Thursday. This Thursday, we would like to pay tribute to our Long Term Employees that have been a part of The Learning Tree family for over 25 Years! Give them a warm welcome and shout out of encouragement!

Congratulations
25+ Years!

Omega Pulliam ~ 27 Years
Deborah Hulsey ~ 26 Years
Eddy Sani ~ 25 Years

Community Partnership

Elks Lodge 189 provided funds for our Anniston campus the ability to updated the parking lot and install a concrete pad for activities and riding outdoor toys.

Labor for the refinishing of the parking lot was donated by Cofield Refinishing. The concrete for the pad was donated by Web Concrete and installation was done by Alward Concrete and Construction. Each of the companies provided services at discounted rates to fit within out budget provided by Elks Lodge 189.

A washer and dryer set were anonymously donated. Plumbing for this project was completed by Preston Plumbing.



A Learning Opportunity

TLT's Mobile campus participated in cooking classes facilitated by Chef Tameka from Divine Etiquette Catering and Events. This five day course showed the kids how to cut fancy fruit, cook chicken and waffles, hibachi, tacos and baked chicken with green beans.

Anglers for Autism Bass Tournament

On October 1st The Learning Tree, Inc. held the annual "Anglers for Autism" Bass Tournament in partnership with OGS Tournament Trails. Thank you to Mike Freeman, OGS, for your hard work in making this event a success. The weather at Wind Creek State Park-Alabama was beautiful! Thank you to all sponsors, participants and other supporters.



Fall Fun with The Learning Tree



Holiday Helping Hearts and Celebrations

Learning Tree staff and students enjoyed holiday celebrations with friends and SANTA. Thank you to the donors who made this holiday season special for our students with a special thanks to state wide and campus sponsors for Holiday Helping Hearts - America's First Federal Credit Union, Empty Stocking Gala, General Dynamics, Gulf Distributing, Inspirien and First United Methodist Church West Tallassee.



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