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A Special Message from the Executive Director

Dear Zarlengo Foundation Supporters,

The Zarlengo Foundation Board of Directors and myself are looking forward to the New Year and the opportunity to help learning disabled children in the Denver Metro Area. We are going to have a busy year filled with a wide variety of events and opportunities to connect with our supporters. Stay informed about upcoming ZF events please check our website www.zarlengofoundation.org. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to working with you in 2009!

Sincerely,

Katie Zarlengo

Zarlengo Foundation Ball 2008: Be the Difference

On November 8, 2008 the Zarlengo Foundation welcomed guest speaker, Henry Winkler to the Sixth Annual Zarlengo Foundation Ball. Mr. Winkler spoke of his own struggles overcoming dyslexia and the impact his learning disability has had on his life. A portion of the proceeds from the event were donated to Havern Center; a school for learning disabled students. This year's program focused on the emotional affects a learning disability has on a student, especially in the way of making and keeping relationships with other students, classroom experiences and relationships with teachers.



Distinguished guest speaker Henry Winkler smiles alongside Sophia, a student at Havern School, at the 2008 Zarlengo Foundation Ball

Each guest was given a "not yet released" hardback copy of Mr. Winkler's new book, "A Tale of Two Tails." Several guests helped make the event a great success. As part of the program Sophia, an eleven year old student from Havern, shared her story; she spoke about how dyslexia has affected her schooling, friendships and life outside school. She also shared stories about her experience at Havern and how it has made a difference in all of the aforementioned areas of her life. Mrs. Natalie Tysdall from Channel 2 News was the emcee and did a fabulous job keeping the evening going. Henry Winkler rounded out the evening speaking about how he had to find ways to overcome the challenges of a learning disability.

The foundation was then able to present a check to the Havern Center for \$30,000. To view the video from the Sixth Annual Zarlengo Foundation Ball, please visit www.zarlengofoundation.org.

Havern Center

Havern Center is nationally recognized as a very special community of professionals, parents, families and friends who work together to address the individual academic, social, and emotional needs of it's students. Havern School's program provides a highly structured learning environment



with a 4:1 student to staff ratio. Students are typically enrolled at the school for

three to four years, although some students attend for shorter or longer periods. Havern's ultimate goal is to create confident learners who can achieve success beyond the Havern School environment. The Havern Student Body includes children with a broad spectrum of learning disabilities. These learning disabilities include, but are not limited to: language based disabilities, attention disabilities and nonverbal disabilities. To learn more about Havern please visit www.haverncenter.org.

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A Look Back at 2008

This year the Zarlengo Foundation donated \$81,250 to education based organizations in the Denver Metro area.

REGIS UNIVERSITY: \$40,250

The Zarlengo Foundation continues to fund a scholarship at Regis University for a learning disabled student to attend college. The first scholarship will be awarded in January 2009 to a student from Colorado who will attend Regis University as part of the commitment program. The amount awarded in January 2009 will be \$1,029. When the scholarship is fully funded, the amount awarded will be approximately \$7,500 per year. The commitment program is designed to help learning disabled students adjust to college level courses. For more information about the commitment program please visit www.regis.edu.

HAVERN CENTER: \$30,000

The \$30,000 donation to the Havern Center will be used in a variety of ways. In 2007, Havern allocated the foundation's \$25,000 donation in the following ways:

- \$10,000 directed toward Havern's Education Assistance Fund was combined with other funds and directed for need based scholarships to 30% of its student body. Zarlengo Foundation helped to make it possible for some terrific children to experience the joys and rewards that come with a successful school experience, a gift that will continue to benefit the students long after they have left the halls of Havern School.
- The Zarlengo Foundation understands the importance of ongoing education and training for the faculty and staff at Havern School.

\$5,000 from the foundation helped to send five Lead Teachers to the Schools Attuned Program last August. This intense five-day course is a comprehensive professional development and service delivery program that offers educators new methods for recognizing, understanding, and managing students with differences in learning. Additionally, an occupational therapist attended a Handwriting Without Tears seminar and ten teachers attended the Math on the Planes workshop.

- A variety of new software has been developed to assist children with learning disabilities in strengthening literacy skills. In order to offer these programs to Havern students, 14 new Apple iMacs were leased for \$6,000* and the following software was purchased: Type to Learn; Wynn Reader; and Read, Write and Type.
- \$4,000 was combined with other funds to purchase two additional programs, SOS Lexia and Primary Lexia, for students to take home for specific reading practice.

* The 14 new iMac computers will be leased for 3 years and then the school has the option to purchase them for \$1.00 a piece. This program makes the very best in technology available to students and is affordable for small schools like Havern School. For more information about Havern please visit www.haverncenter.org.

LEARNING CAMP™: \$10,000

The \$10,000 donation to the Learning Camp™ will be used for scholarships for learning disabled students to attend summer camp. The Learning Camp™ is one of the first summer camps developed specifically for kids with learning

disabilities such as ADD, ADHD, dyslexia and other LD challenges. The following is a description of some of the students who received scholarships at The Learning Camp™ in 2008:

- Seb (12 years old) – Seb was referred by his elementary school counselor and teacher. Seb struggles with processing written word & mathematics. He lives primarily with his mother.
- Sam (8 years old) – Sam was diagnosed with dyslexia this year after a rough 1st grade. His family contacted the Learning Camp in hopes that he would get some help with his self-esteem. He is being raised by two hard-working parents struggling to make ends meet. He was very successful and happy in the learning camp environment and wants to return to camp next year.
- Oden (11 years old) – Oden is a child that was adopted by a single mom after many years in foster care. He is learning disabled and struggles a great deal socially. Can was a good fit for Oden.
- Zach (14 years old) – Zach is being raised by his grandmother. He is heading to high school and struggles with extremely low self esteem and poor academic abilities. The Learning Camp worked very hard with Zach. Zach became a camp leader.

For more information about the Learning Camp please visit www.learningcamp.com

TENNYSON CENTER: \$1,000

The donation made to the Tennyson Center will help promote the educational advancement of emotionally and physically abused children at the Tennyson Center. For more information about the Tennyson Center please visit www.childabuse.org.

Mission Statement

Inspired by its ancestry of leadership, the Zarlengo Foundation strives to support the intellectual and spiritual growth of individuals of all ages and backgrounds in order to perpetuate the tradition of hard work and education as the gateways to success.

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The Zarlengo Foundation Teams Up With The Rio Grande Restaurant!

On February 9, 2009 the Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant in downtown Denver will be hosting a "Community Night" to benefit the Zarlengo Foundation! A portion of all food sales from February 9th will be donated to the Zarlengo Foundation. Please come for lunch, happy hour or dinner on February 9th and support the Zarlengo Foundation!



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1525 Blake Street (LoDo)
Denver, CO 80302
Open 11am-10pm

Save the Date

RIO GRANDE RESTAURANT
COMMUNITY NIGHT BENEFITTING
THE ZARLENGO FOUNDATION
FEBRUARY 9, 2009



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ZARLENGO FOUNDATION
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Quote of the Month

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it."

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

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