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#### "Chip-In" for Children Golf Tournament

Fri., Oct. 9  
The Club at Eaglebrooke  
Contact Lara Fowler, Mktg.  
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Winter Haven Tuesday, Oct. 13  
Bartow Wednesday, Oct. 14  
Lakeland Thursday, Oct. 15

**Executive Committee Mtg.**  
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11:30am

**Annual Board Meeting**  
Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30pm  
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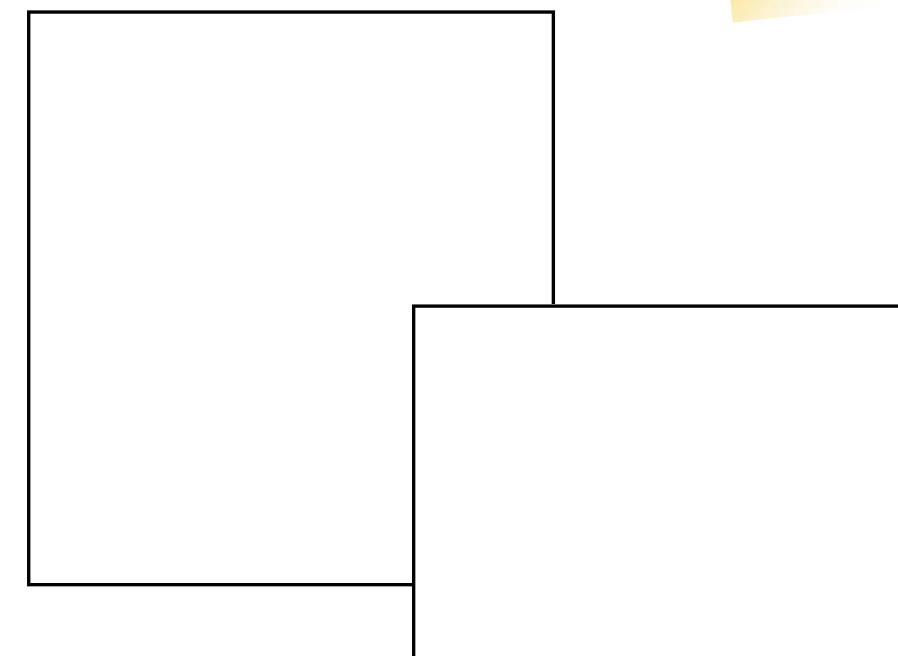
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### 21st Century News

Be on the look out for our NEW "E Newsletter". It will have lots of interesting and timely information about the latest things going on at Achievement Academy.

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## RICH HISTORY OF CHANGE & GROWTH

I've just returned from another exciting Achievement Academy Graduation. It was a wonderful experience to watch these children as they performed on stage in their "Gift of Wings" program and ultimately, dressed in their graduation caps and gowns, make their way down the aisle towards their families. I don't know who was prouder, the student or the family. There was rarely a dry eye in the house.

It was bittersweet for the staff as they said goodbye to these twenty-one children who with their families have become part of our larger Achievement Academy family. Come August we will have twenty-one new students enter our doors. I couldn't help and think though of those fifty plus children on our waiting list or

the untold countless in our community that need our help. That is why our "Where Brighter Futures Begin" Capital Campaign is so important. There are so many more children out there that are losing ground as I am writing. Our staff has the ability and the heart to help them; we just have to give them the facility.

In these uncertain economic times the naysayers say that this is the worst possible time to embark on this campaign and that it can't be done. Well, I'm sure our parents could tell you of the many times someone has said their child can't. We've seen what these children can accomplish so we say to those naysayers who say we can't do this... YES WE CAN and WE WILL.

## Presenting... The Graduating Class of 2009!

### Friends and Families Walk Together to Support the Achievement Academy

What a beautiful morning May 16<sup>th</sup> was as over 150 people of all ages came out to raise awareness for children with special needs. The day started off with the cadence from the Lakeland High School Drum Line and cheers from the Lakeland High School Cheerleaders. A special thank you to everyone who made this event a success.

### A Doctor's Thoughts

I had the pleasure of touring Achievement Academy last summer. Working as a Pediatrician in our community for the last 13 years, I have been involved with many children with varying abilities, and was overwhelmed with the education and therapy that was available at Achievement Academy. The dedication of the staff, and their commitment to providing all children the possibility of reaching their full potential was apparent even during my short visit.

Parents with children with varying abilities typically have difficulty coping with the uncertainty of the future of their children and their families. The staff at Achievement Academy makes home visits to these families during early infancy and educates them, assists them with setting up therapies, and most importantly offers them more control of their lives and hope for their future. At 18 months, they are eligible for enrollment at Achievement Academy and receive individualized educational plans with physical, speech, and occupational therapy at the center. Early intervention makes a significant difference on the ultimate development of these children. Achievement Academy recognizes this and maximizes their potential for future socialization and development.

As a Pediatrician and most importantly a parent of three children, I am extremely proud to support and be involved with Achievement Academy and recognize the importance of this organization for the future development of the children in our community.

Please donate today. Your gift will make a big difference for a child with special needs.

## Achievement Academy

*Every gift will help make a brighter future for a child with special needs.*

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