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New Achievement Academy Board Members

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Lillie Grace Redden Born Mar. 1, 2009 3 lbs.05 oz., 16" Tim & Carrie Redden, Speech Therapy Assistant

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COMING SOON!



Saturday, May 16 Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland **Registration begins** at 7:30am at First Presbyterian Church Walk begins at 8:00am Contact Lara Fowler

(863)683-6504 for pledge sheets and/or information. Pledges can also be made by visiting our website: www. achievementacademy .com

At this time, the Achievement Academy has a total of 17.250 square feet of learning space from our three campuses. Our plan is to unite Lakeland, Bartow and Winter Haven campuses into one large, 42,000 sq. ft., state-ofthe-art facility on 16 acres of beautiful land located on Highway 540A, off Bartow Highway a n d convenient to the Polk Parkway. This plan leaves plenty of room for future expansion as Polk County continues to grow.

Being able to serve more children and their families is the single most important reason we are expanding. Currently, because of our limited space, there are 90 children enrolled in our Pre-Kindergarten Charter School Program even though our contract with the Polk County School Board allows us to serve up to 200 children. We also have an additional 50 children on a waiting list and each year that number continues to grow. This building plan will allow us to

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Dates to Remember:

Spring Break March 23—April 3

School Holiday Friday, Apr. 10

Executive Committee Mtg. Wednesday, Apr. 15, 11:30am

Board Meeting Tuesday, Apr. 21, 6:00pm

Family Carnival Saturday, May 2, 10am-2pm

Executive Committee Mtg. Wednesday, May 13, 11:30am

Rise & Shine Walk for Kids Saturday, May 16, 8:00am

Board Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 6:00pm

2009 Graduation Friday, June 5, 6:30pm

Last Day of School for Students Wednesday, June 10

Last Day of School for Staff



Big Plans Finally Revealed



accommodate those families that are waiting for the opportunity to have their children educated at the Achievement Academy.

Our goal is to offer all the life changing services available at the Achievement Academy to as many children with special needs in Polk County as possible. Our hope is that every child that needs our help has the opportunity to experience the benefits of the Achievement Academy.

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Shooting for a Good Cause

Once again, skeet shooting, cowboy boots, barbeque and line dancing were the highlights at our annual Pigeon Pull & Evening Round-Up event held at the Higgenbotham's Ranch on Saturday, February 28.

The weather was perfect for the day long Pigeon Pull and Turkey Shoot event. The four-man team from Caudill's Heating & Air Conditioning, sponsored by Brookestone Securities, was the winning team of the skeet shoot. Each team member received a trophy and \$100 gift certificate to Bern's Steak House in Tampa. Casey Compton was the winner of the Turkey Shoot competition after a hard fought shoot-off with Tony Turbeville.

As evening approached, everyone enjoyed great barbeque, dancing and a lively, entertaining auction called by Marty Higgenbotham.

The day certainly was a success as many joined in donating their time, money and resources to Achievement

Academy. As always we can never say enough thanks to our volunteers, players and sponsors. THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Marty and Angela Higgenbotham for opening their home for this event. The Higgenbotham's also serve as the Honorary Chairpersons for Achievement Academy's "Where Brighter Futures Begin" Capital Campaign.



left to right: Austin Inns and Jim Collies





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left to right: Ron Woodsby Clay Watkins Gerry Black Dave Dalton and Marty Higgenbotham



Team Brookstone Securities - left to right: Mike Caudill, Dr. John Farkas, Tony Turbeville and Sam Johnson

Team MOSAIC- left to right: Josh Stripling, Jim Burdett, John Paul Jones and Mana Arnold



Plenty of Sun and Lots of Fun at our 30th Annual **Pro-Am Tennis Tournament**

Racquets were swinging on the weekend of March 13th for the Achievement Academy. The weather could not have been more perfect with a light breeze and the sun shining on Saturday. Congratulations to tennis Pro Kent Wright and Am. Danny Barnes, who won the men's finals 7-5, 6-1 against Pro Mark Palus and Am. John Santarpia, and tennis Pro Jackie Harang and Am. Jean Holan, winners of the women's finals 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 against Pro Miranda Gutierrez and Am. Elizabeth Willers.

A special thanks to Chairperson, Doris Trohn, who has given us her time for the past 25 years to make this such a special event.



1st Place: Am. Jean Holan & Pro Jackie Harang Finalists: Am. Elizabeth Willers & Pro Miranda Gutierrez

Ready for Kindergarten...

...a letter from Dad

Evan was 2 1/2 years old when he started at Achievement Academy. His doctors and therapists diagnosed him with significant developmental delays and we struggled with what to do for him at home. He was very sensitive to textures and would hardly eat anything. He would get "stuck" on certain actions and words. He seemed not to understand how to appropriately play with toys or other kids. He was slow to start crawling and walking, and needed special shoes to help him balance. Evan could not do many physical activities that other children his age could do.

We shared these concerns with the staff at Achievement Academy and they listened to us. They seemed to understand what was going on with Evan and had a plan for helping him. We met with his classroom teachers and speech, physical and occupational therapists regularly. They paid close attention to Evan and gave us insights that really helped us to work with him

at home. Because Evan is a very bright child we knew he needed academic stimulation as much as he needed therapy. At Achievement Academy he has received an excellent balance of both. His teachers and therapists have made him work hard but he loves his school and looks forward to going there every day.

Today, Evan is 5 years old and is a bright, outspoken young boy. He has become more outgoing and comfortable around other children and enjoys his school friendships. He is learning to read and tie his shoes and can write his name and do many other things children his age are doing. Most importantly, he is more confident and secure and ready for kindergarten next year. We really feel that the teachers and therapists at Achievement Academy have put their hearts into their work. We are truly grateful for the impact Achievement Academy has had on Evan's life, and ours.

Please donate today. Help the Achievement Academy continue providing services to special children like Evan.

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