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INNOVATIONS AWARD GOES TO TOTAL LEARNING CENTERS

WEXFORD, Pa. (April 14, 2010) — The Mental Health America (MHA) of Westmoreland County selected the co-founders of Total Learning Centers (TLC) as the 2010 award winners in the Innovations in Education category.

How do you maximize student success? Talk to Drs. Joe and Carol Utay, co-founders of TLC. Applying cutting-edge, research-based, creative approaches, all students at Total Learning Centers make progress every hour they are there. When all else has failed, maximizing school success for each student requires out-of-the box thinking for the "Total Child." The Innovations in Education award will be presented during the annual fundraiser and recognition dinner, Thursday, April 29.

Dr. Joe Utay, director of counseling and evaluation services for TLC, is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, served three terms as president of the Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association, is a former professor for the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University (tenured) and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and is a school psychologist, marriage and family therapist, author, father, and, along with a black belt in kung fu, is a long-time tai chi practitioner with students.

Dr. Carol Utay, executive director of TLC, is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and an expert in learning with a doctorate in special education. Carol has experience as a principal, Orton-Gillingham reading therapist, teacher, consultant, international speaker, professor, author, and mother. She is a founding board member of the Western Pennsylvania International Dyslexia Association (IDA) and board member of Pennsylvania IDA. Carol is also a nationally recognized Athena Award winner for community service and an avid Internet-based education community builder.

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Three additional honorees will also be recognized at the event in their respective specialty areas: Jennifer Antkowiak of KDKA-TV, Father Vernon A. Holtz, and Ray Carley.

About Total Learning Centers LLC

Total Learning Centers, based outside of Pittsburgh, Pa., in Wexford, is a locally owned and operated academic, brain-based learning facility. With additional locations in Fox Chapel, Murrysville and the South Hills, TLC offers cutting-edge, brain-based, one-on-one tutoring, remediation, and other individualized services in an open, child-friendly environment for clients ages 5 through adult. Founded in 1999 by Drs. Joe and Carol Utay, TLC uncovers underlying problems then prepares each student today for success tomorrow through direct, intensive, research-based methods to ensure significant gains in reading, writing, math, attention, processing, memory and more. For more information, call (724) 940-1090 or visit www.TotalLearningCenters.com.

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