

Dear friend of SLD Center:

A 35 year celebration can signify a milestone birthday, a successful marriage or a thriving business. For the Specialized Language Development (SLD) Center, it is a Happy Anniversary! Since 1974, SLD Center has been committed to bringing the power of reading, writing and spelling to all individuals with dyslexia or other unique learning styles, enabling them to achieve their full potential.

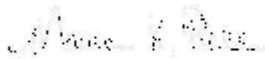
What began 35 years ago with a handful of concerned and determined parents who wanted to help their children read, has become a nonprofit organization with offices in two West Michigan cities servicing 13 counties. The SLD Center has provided quality tutoring in language instruction to over 8,500 individuals.

Because of your continued support over the years, we have grown to offer the following life changing services:

- Comprehensive assessment and evaluation for individuals to identify their learning style and educational needs
- One-to-one multisensory tutoring based on a structured, explicit and sequential approach to reading, writing and spelling for clients whose fees are based on a sliding scale taking account of income and family size
- Language Links Program that is currently providing free tutoring to 53 at-risk students in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Resources, seminars and consultations to support and inform the community about the needs of students with dyslexia and other unique learning styles
- Training for educators, tutors, and parents in a variety of specialized language instructional approaches including SLD developed Phonics Fundamentals© and *Engage the Brain* Workshops
- New offices in the Grand Rapids area

Our work is far from done, so please consider making a tax-deductible celebration gift to the Center today. The gift of reading is a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Sincerely,



Maura Race
Grand Rapids Director



Carol McGlenn
Kalamazoo Director

p.s. for more information about classes, services, workshops and upcoming events go to www.sldcenter.org