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National Child Care Teacher of the Year Announced

It is with great pride that the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation (TLLCCF) announces Trudy Lackner as the recipient of the 2011 Helene Marks Award as National Child Care Teacher of the Year. Lackner will be formally presented with the top honor at the awards ceremony on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 8:00pm at Please Touch Museum, Memorial Hall in Philadelphia,

PA.

This exemplary early care and education teacher was selected from a pool of applicants nationwide. There are a total of 50 National Child Care Teacher Award recipients for 2011. Lackner's award-winning project that she will implement with a grant from the TLLCCF is "A Ray of Light". She will add a light table to her home-based center. The light table is a multipurpose activity that offers many learning opportunities including cognitive development and small motor skills, hand-eye coordination, spatial orientation, and foundations in math and science. Stated Lackner in her award-winning application, "The addition of this table to our classroom will provide "A Ray of Light" engaging the children in exploration and active learning. Well designed environments don't just happen, they evolve."

Lackner's group family child care is The Children's Corner Group Family Child Care in Poughkeepsie, NY, which has been in operation since 1992. She provides early learning and care for 12 children ages birth through five years, plus for four school-aged children in her after school program. Her group family child care occupies the ground floor level of her home. The layout and use of classroom/play space and play yard are designed to meet a child's current and continually expanding needs.

This is the second time Trudy Lackner has received the National Child Care Teacher Awards honor. The first time was in 2006. Congratulations to Trudy Lackner!

Editor's note: Prior recipients of the National Child Care Teacher Awards may reapply to the program five years after receiving an award and may win the Helene Marks Award and be named National Child Care Teacher of the Year once.