

SEACOAST LEARNING CENTER

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Our Youngest Donor

On August 2, 2011, Vincente Natale Cress was born. Fourteen days later he became perhaps the youngest "Sponsor A Child" and had a Star to be mounted on the Seacoast Learning Center's wall. Vincente or Vinnie is the son of Adrienne (nee Weir) and Ryan Cress and is the grandson of Marcus and Rita Weir who are on the Center's Board of Governors.

Vinnie and Adrienne were on hand at the Board's October meeting where the Chair, Marcus Weir was honored to present him with his Sponsor A Child plaque. "Both of my daughters started early in life in helping others and our family has been blessed in so many ways and we all feel that it is never too early to start helping others in whatever ways we can" said Marcus. "Not everyone can



afford to Sponsor A Child" he continued, "but there are many ways to help out. Either through donations of money and, just as importantly, donations of time and experience."

A good example of blending talents are some of the projects that the parents take on. A good example of this is last year's "Countdown to Graduation" raffle, where some parents went out and got donations, some sold raffle tickets and other put together the baskets.

Local Businesses Team-up with Seacoast Learning Center

In September, The Meat House in Dover, NH sponsored an event where proceeds from the purchase of their signature Steak-Tips going to the Seacoast Learning Center in the amount of \$125.

In October a night of fun, good food and table hopping was had at the Chili's Restaurant in Dover. Chili's donated \$160 from their sales that evening to help the Learning Center.

We will be having more of these events, since they are fund, they do not take much manpower to hold and instead of asking for donations (which we always need) it is just asking that supporters just make normal purchases. This is a win-win in today's economy, where finances are harder and more and more businesses are looking for ways to keep their present business.

The Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.-Seacoast Learning Center in Rochester, NH began its 2011-12 year on October 3rd. The center is up and running under the direction of Michelle Tommasino with seven professional tutors and soon to be certified scholar trainee Karen Hubbard working with 22 students in the free after school program. As part of its mission the Center is training one scholar trainee with 45 classroom hours and 100 hours of tutoring students to add another professional tutor in the Orton-Gillingham multi-sensory phonetic approach to reading, writing and spelling. The Director has held parent orientation sessions and had staff meetings on policies and new techniques to keep up with advancing literacy for the students. The Board of Governors's are proud of the professional service we offer to area children with dyslexia and are grateful for the dedication of students, tutors and parents that make a difference in a child's life.

Board member Tony Induisi reports that his grandson Griffin Hanson age 12, a Seacoast graduate, has received recognition in his Pop Warner football program by receiving a scholar-athlete award with a grade point average of 96 in his school.

Yes, we do make a difference in helping children succeed.

Successful Golf Tournament



The July Children's Dyslexia Centers Golf Tournament held at the Breakfast Hill Golf Club in Greenland, NH was a big success and a lot of fun and friendship. The golfers enjoyed a fun day with a fine meal, raffle and auction items to bid on. Both the Nashua and Seacoast Learning Centers received checks for \$4000 to help their Centers budgets.

Next year's Golf Tournament will be held on July 9, 2012 at the same place. Mark the date on your calendar and look for more information this February. If anyone can sponsor a hole or knows of a business wishing to get publicity at the Tournament for the fee of \$125 a sign please contact Chairman Paul S. Cuetara at 58 Winnicut Road, North Hampton, NH 03862, or you can E-mail him at jpcuetara@gmail.com.

What have I done to help a child
TODAY!!!

Upcoming Fundraisers

- On Sunday, January 15, 2012 we will be holding an Applebee's Day with 10% of sales going to donations to the Seacoast Learning Center.
- In March (exact date TBA) we will be holding a Comedy Night.
- Margaret Martin is organizing parents for this May's Raffle Basket Drawings.