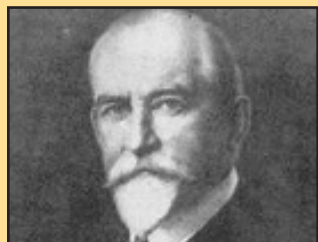




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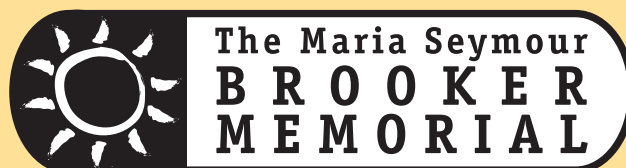


The Brooker Memorial, Inc. has been serving Litchfield County residents since 1918. Maria Seymour Brooker was a devoted mother, known in her local community, for her great love of all children. She was an early crusader of child and family supports, human services and open space for children to play.

Charles F. Brooker established the Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial in memory of his mother's "works of benevolence, aid, charity, and education to which Maria Seymour Brooker was devoted throughout her life." Early programs included housing for local nurses, a day nursery, orphanage and playground for children. Current programs continue in the tradition of services to children and their families. Brooker seeks to respond to today's needs for family support, child health and education.

## **Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial Mission Statement**

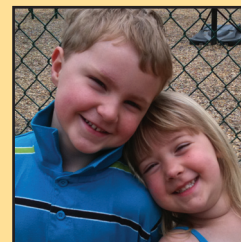
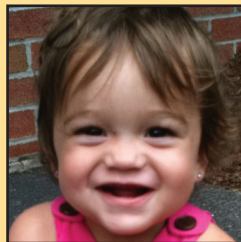
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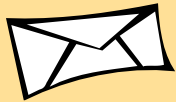
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## Fan Mail



**“Thank you - from the bottom of my heart - for all the ways, both big and small, that you have touched our lives in this past year. Our experience has been overwhelmingly positive, and for that, as well as the support and friendships, we are most grateful.”**

Melissa and Steve, Child Care parents



**“We wanted to take the time to say a very special Thank you! The staff was so happy, kind and giving to us; it was a great [dental] visit for myself and daughter. The Hello Kitty sticker put an extra special smile on her face! Keep up the great work!”**

The Case Family



**“The parents thought the program was most informative, helpful and fun! The children just loved the puppet show.”**

Family Literacy Team



**“To the entire teaching staff at Brooker: You all put 110% of your love, dedication, and work into raising and teaching our children. We cannot thank you enough for all you do for Caitlyn and Tasha. Thank you for being part of our lives.”**

Tom and Kristen, Child Care parents



**“Every part of [Ready, Set, Go!] was great, for not only my child but also myself. I know she’s going to love kindergarten.”**

Ready Set Go! parent



**“My child enjoyed the program, learned a lot in such a short time and I now feel much better about kindergarten.”**

Ready Set Go! parent



**“Emily was nervous about her dental appointment, but as soon as she saw Dr. Karanki and the other staff, she was excited and couldn’t wait to get in the dental chair! She remembered how much she likes the people at Brooker!”**

Diane, Dental parent

## Dear Friends,



I was recently picking raspberries in my yard and it occurred to me that one of the reasons I love my work at Brooker is because it's a lot like gardening. Last year, we planted many seeds, checked on them often and made sure they had plenty of water and nutrients. We are now beginning to see them sprout! The next year will require more nurturing and I expect to report to you on the bountiful fruit of our labor!

Of significant note this past year was the blooming of our building renovation and expansion plan. We moved from the planning stage to the hands-on task of developing floor plans, exterior options and hiring a construction manager to make the project a reality.

Programmatically, we also planted many seeds that will lead to a rich harvest. We completed a pilot program that convinced us there is demand for locally-based sensory integration/occupational therapy for children. We will be developing this program in partnership with a well respected local non-profit organization.

We took a critical look at our child care program and the range in age of the children we were serving. We made the decision to focus our expertise and resources on caring for and educating children at the earliest stages. In June, we announced our goal to become the premier center for early childhood education. Our center now serves children from birth through kindergarten. As well as redefining our niche, we are developing a marketing campaign to educate new parents about Brooker's high quality early learning programs. We want to be sure families consider Brooker for the care of their newborns and for kindergarten preparation of their pre-school aged children. We know from experience that once parents tour our center and meet our staff, we are usually their first choice of where to enroll their children.

I am excited about all of our projects that will continue to take shape in the next year. I'll be working hard, along with the staff, Board members, and committee members to ensure Brooker Memorial continues to provide high quality programs that are needed, valued and respected by our community.

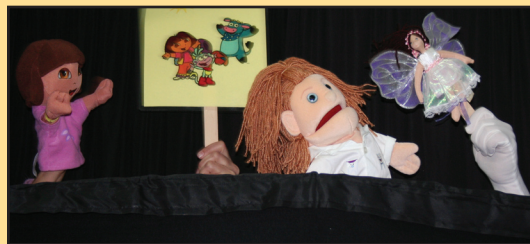
Sincerely,

Cathy Chiron Coyle  
*Executive Director*

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### RENOVATION PLANS MOVE FORWARD

Plans to renovate and add space to Brooker Memorial moved forward with the hiring of Burlington Construction of Torrington as construction manager for the project. Burlington Construction will work closely with Architectural Firm Tuthill + Wells of Avon, CT to develop cost estimates and a construction timeline. The goals of the renovation/expansion are to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and appearance of the building's interior and exterior, add space for new program growth and development and increase energy efficiency of the building.



### ORAL HEALTH & NUTRITION OUTREACH PROGRAM

Hygienists Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas and Sharon Grieco have created a new puppet show featuring Dora the Explorer and the Tooth Fairy. The characters promote good oral hygiene to a variety of audiences and age groups. The new show debuted to a group of 16 parents and their children at Torrington's Headstart program as part of a community-wide Health Literacy program. Leigh and Sharon have also developed a puppet show about nutrition and a game wheel that engages audiences with questions about nutrition, oral

health and exercise. The free educational programs have been presented to school groups, camp groups and child care centers throughout the county.



### MISSION OF MERCY 2011

Brooker staff members Dr. Jorge Rabat, Glenna Ramstein, RDH, and Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas, RDH participated in the Connecticut Mission of Mercy held in Waterbury in April 2011. This program assembles volunteer dental professionals who provide dental care over one weekend to underserved people at locations throughout the United States. In Connecticut alone, more than 2,000 adults and children received free dental care at the event.



### READY, SET, GO!

For the second year, Brooker Memorial prepared 9 young students to enter Kindergarten at Torrington School in the fall. Students were screened in May by the school and those who fell short of Kindergarten entry criteria were recommended for

## Program Highlights

participation in the Ready Set Go! program. Stacy Lopardo and Heather Todor Maher returned this summer to teach the students in the five-week session. The children received free oral, vision and hearing assessments and parents participated in weekly educational sessions to support their child's literacy learning. Data will be collected for three years to assess the progress of these students in the Torrington schools. Special thanks go to Dr. Edward Osborn, Ophthalmologist and Suzanne Prevuznak of Education Connection/Head Start for providing the vision and hearing screenings free of charge; and to Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas and Sharon Grieco, Brooker Hygienists, for Oral Screenings and a Puppet Show on Nutrition.

### PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

Jorge Rabat, DDS was selected to present at the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session in May 2011. He presented on "The Dilemma of Unerupted Mesiodens" to an audience of more than 500 professionals. Dr. Rabat is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

### FIT TOGETHER



Cathy Coyle and Jan Lyon have been participating in a community partnership called Fit Together. Led by Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, the group includes the Torrington Area Health District, the Chamber of Commerce of NW CT, the NW CT YMCA, TECC, the Torrington and Winchester

School Districts and Senior Centers, United Way of NW CT, and numerous others interested in improving health and fitness in our community. Focusing on elementary school students and seniors, Fit Together will feature monthly activities to educate youth, families and senior citizens on the importance of healthy eating and exercising and will have a component of employer-based health initiatives.

### SENSORY PROCESSING CONFERENCE

In October 2010, Brooker Memorial and Education Connection co-sponsored "Building a Better Understanding of Sensory Processing Dysfunction" presented by The Talcott Center for Child Development. This 3-hour workshop for professionals and para-professionals provided detailed information on current research and classifications of Sensory Challenges many children face, the signs and symptoms, as well as innovative classroom and home strategies.



### LITTLE GREEN THUMB GARDEN PROJECT

Coordinated by the United Way, Brooker was the beneficiary of an Alcoa-Howmet Action Day. Five Alcoa-Howmet employees spent half a day planting the Child Care Center's Little Green Thumb

## Program Highlights

garden beds. The children and the volunteers worked side by side to plant the sprouts the children had started from seeds in early spring. Everyone enjoyed a brown bag lunch together featuring cookies baked by the pre-school and kindergarten students.

### PILOT PROGRAM

The Talcott Center for Child Development of Farmington conducted a 6 month pilot program at Brooker Memorial in 2010-2011. The goal of the pilot was to test community response to having a sensory integration/occupational therapy program in Torrington. The program was met with great support from the local medical community and families whose children need these services. Brooker is continuing to develop the program that will be housed in customized therapy space in the renovated building.



### DENTAL CARE IN SCHOOLS

The Children's Dental Center continued providing dental care at Brooker as well as at Torrington schools and Region One schools. More than 1,000 students received exams and cleanings in the schools. The funding for the Region One program was again generously provided by the Foundation for Community Health.



### 2011 FAMILY FUN DAY!

Brooker Memorial held its 2nd free Family Fun Day this summer with more than 350 guests attending. Events included the Farm on Wheels Petting Zoo, Sil the Clown, a tag sale, children's tattoos, games and prizes. A highlight of the day was the Wheel of Fun developed by Hygienists Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas and Sharon Grieco to make healthy nutrition, fitness and oral hygiene into an informative game for children and their families.



### CHILD CARE KIDS GO GREEN!

Children became active recycling partners in the classrooms this spring after Pre-School Teacher Cath Pezze and Director Charlene Lee attended a Children's Investment Partnership Conference. The conference, Greening Your Early Childhood Center, offered low-cost and no-cost improvements to reduce operating costs, create healthier environments and opportunities for environmental education for children. Mayor Ryan Bingham acknowledged Brooker's recycling



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success by reading "Michael Recycles" to the pre-school students. Since the recycling message was shared with the classroom teachers and children, Brooker's recycling bins are overflowing and its trash receptacles are not!



### CHILD CARE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Child Care staff attended trainings including: Creating Lesson Plans, Challenging Behaviors, NAEYC Portfolios, and Diversity. Last year, Infant Teacher Ambur Fadoir received her Associate's in Early Childhood Education and Courtney Avallone earned her BA in Geography. Ambur Fadoir and Michelle Sliech attended a national child care conference in Anaheim, CA.



### FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

The Child Care and Learning Center took the children on field trips and hosted numerous activities throughout the year. These enrichments included visits from the Drakeville Volunteer Fire Department, Dr. BugMan, Tumbletrain Gymnastics, "Hooked on Llamas" with Debbie

Elias and "Copper," sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank and trips to Ruwet's Pumpkinville, the Institute for American Indian Studies and Action Wildlife. In-house events included a Halloween parade, Hawaiian Luau, and Mardi Gras parade.



### GREENWOODS COUNSELING REFERRALS

Brooker Memorial provided space this year to Greenwood Counseling Referrals meeting a long time goal of the non-profit to bring its Litchfield services to Torrington. In doing so, licensed counselors gave assessments and brief counseling and referrals to 41 area families who otherwise would not have been able to travel to Litchfield.

### ORAL HEALTH FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Family Strides of Torrington and Brooker Memorial partnered to apply for a grant from the Connecticut Health Foundation. The Torrington project was selected to receive funding to research utilization patterns and barriers to care among pregnant women and new mothers. The next step is to develop a program to implement systemic changes to ensure pregnant women receive oral health care. The goals are to ensure healthy birth outcomes and foster a lifelong commitment to oral health care.

## Staff & Volunteers

Brooker Memorial is grateful for its many dedicated employees and volunteers, who every day improve the lives of children. Following in the footsteps of Maria Seymour Brooker, these creative and nurturing people are responsive to the individual needs of those we serve, and have proven to be an asset to our community. We thank each and every one of them for their time and commitment in "preparing children for life-long success."

### Staff

#### ADMINISTRATION

Cathy C. Coyle,  
*Executive Director\**  
Judith Bekasi\*  
Jessica Kelley

#### OUTREACH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Jan Lyon,  
*Director*  
Stacy Lopardo\*,  
(Ready, Set, Go!)  
Heather Todor Maher,  
(Ready Set, Go!)

#### CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER

Charlene Lee,  
*Director*  
Christine Donahue,  
*Assistant Director \*\*\*\**

Paula Armstrong  
Courtney Avallone  
Diane Brigham\*  
Jennifer Danner  
Ambur Fadoir\*  
Kimberly Gallo\*\*  
Rachel Hanlon  
Amber Harris  
Michelle Lamont  
Jessica Lopardo\*\*  
Stacy Lopardo\*  
Kathryn Luurtsema  
Meghann Melaragno  
Catherine Pezze\*  
Shannon Riddick  
Valerie Roberts  
Danielle Robison\*  
Lynn Skaret  
Michelle Sliech  
Kate Stansfield



#### CHILDREN'S DENTAL CENTER

Archana Karanki, D.M.D.,  
*Dental Director*

Susanne Achee  
Rebecca Calderon  
Jennifer Dupill\*\*  
Sharon Grieco, R.D.H.\*  
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Maryann Harrigan\*\*  
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Rachael Pasqua  
Jorge M. Rabat, Jr., D.D.S.\*  
Glenna Ramstein, R.D.H.\*\*\*  
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Barbara Silano, R.D.H.  
Pat Soudier  
Carole Thebarga\*  
Sue Treadway, R.D.H.\*  
Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas, R.D.H.\*  
John H. Waterman, D.D.S.

#### MAINTENANCE

Mark Beeman  
John Bekasi

\* 5+ years of service  
\*\* 10+ years of service  
\*\*\* 15 + years of service  
\*\*\*\* 20 + years of service

## Staff & Volunteers

### Volunteers

**BAKE SALE:** Special thanks to Jamie Mankoski for staffing the bake sale and to the many staff & families that donated baked goods.

**DENTAL CENTER:** Joan Libby

**EDUCATIONAL VISITORS AND GUEST READERS:** Mattias Auer, Mayor Ryan Bingham, Drakeville Fire Department, Susan Griffith, Patti Harris and Maggie the Therapy Dog, Pam Lindau, and Kevin Purcell

**FAMILY FUN DAY:** John Bekasi, Bill Coyle, Ross Coyle, Briana Engle, Dawn Greatorex, Andres Peguero, Adrian Peguero, Kevin Purcell, Ignacio Reynoso, Nicholas Skaret, Olivia Skaret, and Bert Thebarga

**FENCE REPAIRS:** David Lee



**FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEERS AND CHAPERONES:** Valerie Bachman, Virginia DiMarchi, Kevin Hayes, Joe Holcomb, AnneMarie Holland, Stacy Lopardo, Betty & Larry Wenzloff

**GARDENING WITH CHILDREN AND BROOKER GROUNDS:** Alcoa Howmet Volunteers: Paul Calabrese, Darlene Smith, Terry Smith, Michael Sullivan, and Chelsea Young

**HALLOWEEN PARADE ESCORTS:** Valerie Cote, Briana Engle, Kevin Hayes, Shannon & Michael Rajotte, Kelly Roma, and Brian Schaller



**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FLOAT DRIVER:** Doug Robison

**READY SET GO!:** Dr. Edward Osborn, Karen Osborne

### Child Care Project Volunteers

Many child care staff members readily volunteer to work on special events and projects that go beyond the daily components of our child care program. Some of the projects in the last year included: children's portrait sessions, book fair, Memorial Day parade, fundraising sales, and Little Green Thumbs garden project. These activities involve children and their families and help make Brooker the special place it is. The following employees worked hard to make each event or activity a great success.

Courtney Avallone  
Jennifer Danner  
Christine Donahue  
Ambur Fadior  
Kimberly Gallo  
Charlene Lee  
Jessica Lopardo  
Kathryn Luurtsema  
Catherine Pezze  
Shannon Riddick  
Danielle Robison  
Lynn Skaret  
Michelle Sliech

## Volunteer Leadership

*Brooker Memorial is fortunate to have the support, expertise, commitment and active involvement of many individuals who serve the organization in voluntary leadership positions. Several board members have served the organization for many years and some are the second and even third generation of their family to serve on the board. The Board of Managers meets regularly to review operations and to set the strategic direction for Brooker. The committees of the board are made up of board members and incorporators. Committees provide guidance and oversight to programs and projects.*

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### DENTAL COMMITTEE

Frank R. Vanoni, M.D., *Chair*  
J. Eric Chadwick  
William J. Marchand



### A Resolution in Memory of Edwin G. Booth, Sr.

#### WHEREAS

The death of Edwin G. Booth on October 26, 2010, terminating fifty one years of faithful and devoted service to the Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial, Inc.,

#### WHEREAS

He was elected as an Incorporator January 19, 1959, to the Board of Managers on March 31, 1977, and to the Finance Committee on April 27, 1978, always giving generously of his time, talent and effort to its purpose and service to the community,

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Board of Managers at the November 18, 2010 meeting, does hereby express its deep sense of loss in his death. His wise council, integrity and sound judgment will be missed, *and*

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be forwarded to his family.

*Adopted by the Board of Managers on November 18, 2010*

## Volunteer Leadership

Atty. Charles W. Roraback  
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James Rokos  
Atty. Charles W. Roraback  
Zena H. Temkin



### A Resolution in Appreciation of Thomas F. Wall, Jr.

#### WHEREAS

Attorney Thomas F. Wall, Jr., has declined re-election as President of Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial after serving in that capacity for thirteen years; and

#### WHEREAS

While relinquishing the Presidency, he has graciously consented to continue service to Brooker as a member of its Board of Managers, Finance Committee and Nominating Committee;

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Board of Managers at its November 18, 2010 meeting, officially expresses its thanks to Thomas F. Wall, Jr., for his past efforts on behalf of Brooker and its gratitude that he will continue to serve; *and*

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting.

*Adopted by the Board of Managers on November 18, 2010*

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*As a not-for-profit organization, Brooker Memorial operates with funding from several sources: earned revenue from child care and dental services; investment income from the endowment; foundation grants and donations from the community. Brooker Memorial is ever thankful for the generosity of the individuals, businesses and organizations that support its programs and the families it serves.*

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The following individuals and  
businesses donated supplies or  
equipment to Brooker Memorial:

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Corrine D'Angelo  
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Jim Luurtsema  
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Torrington Area Youth Service  
Bureau, Inc.  
Torrington Rotary Club  
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John A. Avenia  
Thomas Babbitt  
Edwin G. Booth  
Lorraine Franzi  
Larry Grosso  
Graham Martin  
John Nomelli

### **GIFTS WERE RECEIVED IN HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**

Cathy C. Coyle, *by Brooker Staff*

### **Brooker Care Closet**

Many families Brooker serves must make choices between buying groceries, paying the utility bills and buying needed clothes, shoes, car seats or safety gates for their children. To respond to this need, Brooker introduced the "Care Closet" in 2008.

Items such as new clothing, gift cards for food and department stores can be donated to the Care Closet for distribution as needs arise.

Making a cash donation is another way to help a needy family.

**Donations can be dropped off or mailed to:  
Brooker Memorial, 157 Litchfield Street, Torrington, CT 06790**

# Programs and Statistics 2010-2011

## Programs and Services

- Child Care and Learning Center for Infants, Toddlers, Pre-Kindergarten, and Before and After School Care.
- Children’s Dental Center: established in 1994 through the generosity and expertise of the Temkin Family: Preventive and Restorative Care for Ages 1 through 20
- Dental Outreach: Education, School-based Care and Oral Health Care & Education for Pregnant Women
- Children’s Pilot Program in Sensory Integration and Occupational Therapy
- Blood Pressure Screening for Seniors
- Pediatric Cardiology Services
- Family Supports: Assessment, Resource Referrals & Short-term Counseling
- Kindergarten Readiness and Early Childhood Collaboration
- Health and Fitness Community Collaboration
- Access to Services for Latino Population

<b>Financials</b> (unaudited)				
	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008
Income from Activities	\$1,590,721	\$1,529,274	\$1,620,664	\$1,236,962
Cash Donations	29,436	20,587	28,611	29,896
Investment Income	449,106	436,550	505,306	560,206
Total Operating Revenue	\$2,069,263	\$1,986,411	\$2,154,581	\$1,827,064
Less Operating Expenses	1,727,329	1,639,399	1,566,415	1,399,756
Gain (Loss)	341,934	347,012	588,166	427,308
Plus Realized Capital Gains	638,007*	616,227*	434,607*	597,577*
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>\$979,941</b>	<b>\$963,239</b>	<b>\$1,022,773</b>	<b>\$1,024,885</b>

\*gains reinvested



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## Child Care Statistics

A total of 92 children were enrolled in child care and kindergarten readiness programs at Brooker during the past year.

These children came from 79 families: 66 families had one child enrolled and 13 families had two children enrolled.

Brooker scholarships were awarded to 17 families to defray the cost of child care.

Thirty eight families (48%) received tuition assistance from the CT Care for Kids child care subsidy program.

Forty one families (52%) paid their tuition without government subsidy.

Families were referred to our child care center mostly by word of mouth, but also by The Department of Children and Families, Torrington Public Schools, Headstart and Early Headstart, and the Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative.

## Dental Center Statistics

(Represents combined data for dental center and the school based programs)

Unduplicated Patients Seen	4,410
Total Number of Provider Visits	9,495
Visits by Dentists	3,084
Visits by Hygienists	6,411
New Patients (at Brooker)	655
New Patients (at schools)	256

Families with no dental insurance paid \$10 per visit. The value of the uncompensated care donated by Brooker equaled \$100,500.

## Ready Set Go! Statistics

For the second consecutive year, Brooker Memorial conducted its Ready Set Go! kindergarten readiness program for children entering Torrington school who, after being tested by school personnel, were not quite prepared for fall entry to kindergarten.

Nine children attended in the summer of 2010 and another nine students completed the program in 2011. Following are some of the results:

- Nine students were served in the summer of 2010, the program's first year. Testing at the end of their Kindergarten year showed that 5 of 9 students had met the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) benchmark.
- In the summer of 2011, 9 students were served in the program. All 9 made significant gains in all categories from the initial kindergarten readiness screening in May to the final screening in August. Some examples: at the initial screening none of the children recognized any "sight words." The final screening five weeks later showed all students recognized between two and six "sight words." At the first screening, none of the children could independently write their own name. All the students were successful at this at the final screening.
- Both groups of students' screening results will be tracked for three years and compared to results from their peer group. This data will help determine whether intervention in the summer months just prior to kindergarten has made a difference in student achievement.

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