

**TLC Learning Center**  
(Previously known as)  
Tiny Tim Developmental Preschool  
St. Vrain Early Intervention Center  
Longmont Tiny Tim Center  
Tiny Tim CP Center  
The Tiny Tim Center, Inc.

- 1956 United Cerebral Palsy Association of Boulder County formed in Longmont. Dr. Yost, Longmont physician was first President.
- April 3, 1956 Longmont Cerebral Palsy Center opened sponsored by United Cerebral Palsy Association of Boulder County.
- Official Birthday Open to any handicapped child not enrolled in public or private school. Bessie Rayl, retired school principal, volunteered as superintendent. The director was Mrs. Bob Baysdorfer, parent of a C.P. child. There were volunteer helpers with at least 2 adults on duty each session. It was open every Tuesday from 1:30 – 3:30 meeting in First United Methodist Church at 4<sup>th</sup> and Terry streets.
- June, 1956 Contest was held to name Center. Mrs. Carl Hertha of Berthoud won \$5.00 prize with name “Tiny Tim CP Center” based on character from Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol.
- August, 1956 Enrollment: 10 children
- September, 1956 Longmont Cerebral Palsy Play Center Advisory Board was organized.
- October, 1956 Psychological testing of children at Play Center began.  
Center budget: \$100.00 for 6 months operating expenses
- November, 1956 Student supervisor from Colorado State College of Education at Greeley hired to supervise activities for one afternoon per week at \$5.00 per week.
- February 25, 1957 Tiny Tim Cerebral Palsy Center name officially adopted.  
Enrollment: 7 children
- September, 1958 Mrs. Robert Baysdorfer resigned as Director. Rev. D.J. Grooters: Advisory Board Chair. Mrs. Marion Karger, certified Special Education teacher, was hired as the new Director at \$10.00 per session plus \$5.00 for transportation. Classes held afternoons 3 days per week. Tuition fee \$2.00 per month  
Enrollment: 11 children ages 4-20 years.

September, 1959	Classes held 3 mornings per week. Tuition \$5.00 per month
1960	Classes held 3 mornings per week. No tuition Ages 3 – 18
December, 1961	Children met for Christmas party but classes weren't being held due to lack of facility.
July, 1963	Jimmy and George Kanemoto donated 24,000 square foot lot in Southmoor Research Park south of the city for future building.
September, 1963	Drive headed by County Line Grande for a \$5,000 building to be ready by February 1, 1964 to house Tiny Tim and Boulder County Sheltered Workshop. Architect Robert Baun drew plans. Local carpenters union will donate labor: Golden Gravel will donate cement.
Fall, 1963	Enrollment: 6 students, Ages 3-5 years (Nelson School) (Children 6-16 years were enrolled in public school) (Children 16 years+ were enrolled at the Sheltered Workshop)
December, 1963	Gene Roberts, owner of New Method Cleaners, donated a 1955 Buick Station wagon to Tiny Tim for transporting students.
January, 1964	Jack Murphy, businessman and Boulder County Commissioner and Jack Dempster, retired General Motors executive were chairmen for building drive. \$30,000 needed for Tiny Tim and Sheltered Workshop  Sheltered Workshop – 5 days per week Preschool – 3 days per week Enrollment: 22 students
December, 1964	Jack Dempster and Cley Richendifer, principal at Longmont High School, were co-chairmen of building fund drive. \$37,000 needed. Architectural drawing of building showed it on Delaware avenue.
February, 1965	Robert Leonard, businessman, donated a station wagon for use in transporting students.
April, 1965	\$40,000 needed for permanent home for Tiny Tim Center and Sheltered Workshop on land donated by Kanemotos.
1960's	During this time the preschool program became distinct from the

Sheltered Workshop program. Children 5-21 years of age began receiving services through the St. Vrain Valley School District. they attended the North Broadway School in Boulder.

1970 Ann Love, wife of Governor John Love, visited Tiny Tim while campaigning for her husband.

1971 Purchased van for transporting students to Tiny Tim.  
A.M. and P.M. sessions offered

March, 1973 Building fund drive begun to build Tiny Tim on land at Meadow Drive facing Lanyon Park

1975 Keith Jenkins, architect, hired to draw plans for building on Meadow Drive. \$120,000 cost of building

April, 1976 Toddler Program – ages 18 months to 3 years: enrollment: 6 children: met 4 days per week  
Preschool Program met 5 days per week

August, 1976 Staff expanded to include: Director, music therapist, teacher, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, aide, and bus driver.

September, 1976 Tiny Tim received monies (\$5,000) from city of Longmont for the first time.

July, 1977 Groundbreaking at Collyer Street site for a new building.

March 12, 1978 Open House at new building

1978 Preschool Plus Program begun for non-handicapped 5 year olds with learning weaknesses when given St. Vrain School District screening tests.

February, 1980 Purchased bus for approximately \$16,000 from Bluebird Company

April, 1981 Enrollment: 34 children  
(7) Preschool Plus  
(11) Toddlers  
(16) Preschoolers

November, 1981 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Tiny Tim center.  
End of Preschool Plus program (lack of interest by parents)

February 18, 1987 Board of Directors voted to change name from Longmont Tiny Tim Center to St. Vrain Early intervention Center.

September, 1989	Offered first preschool class to “typical” children. Interior renovations to accommodate new classroom
1992	Board of Directors voted to change name from SVEIC to Tiny Tim Developmental Preschool Grant received from Colorado Department of Education for children from low-income environments and children at a local safe-house.
1993	Initiate “Outreach” consultation to other local preschools. Offered developmental screenings to Teen Parenting Program
1994	Renovation of playground All classes became fully “inclusive” (children with and without special needs) Became a Colorado Preschool Site: Contact with school district for 11 additional slots for children ‘at-risk” for normal development
Fall, 1995	Began the “Learn With Me” Program for young children with autism, severe emotional-behavioral issues, severe sensory integration disorders. (Program lasted 3 years. Needed to end due to lack of trained staff in this area)
Fall, 1996	Began program for children from mono-lingual Spanish speaking homes. (Program lasted 1 year. Needed to end due to low numbers of this group of children)
April, 1997	Formed collaboration with Longmont Meals on Wheels and Longmont Coalition for Women in Crisis: “TROIKA”. For financial resource development.
July, 1997	Expanded program to include Therapeutic Outreach Services Began serving children birth to 12 years of age. Speech Therapy, Occupational and Physical therapy offered on an individual basis in the home. Began receiving income through insurance building.
May, 1999	Name change: The Tiny Tim Center
November, 1999	Feasibility Study Conducted by Jackson& Associates from Evergreen Colorado to determine potential success of a capital campaign for a new building. Results supported moving forward with a campaign.
2000 – 2004	Capital Campaign to raise funds needed to expand to a larger site. Completed Campaign raising \$2.8 million dollars.

January, 2005	Purchased 611 Korte Parkway for \$1,375,000. A 15,000 square foot facility to retrofit for the new Tiny Tim Center. Architect: Rick Morton. General Contractor: Tom Cobb
August, 2006	The Tiny Tim Center celebrated 50 years of service with a “Jubilee!”
July, 2009	Long-time Executive Director Teedee Keister retired
October, 2013	The Tiny Tim Center Changed its’ name to TLC Learning Center in effort to better reach “typical children”
March, 2014	Opened 3 new classrooms (28 slots) for infants, wobblers, and toddlers
May, 7, 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Kentucky Derby Party hosted at Schlagel Farms. Raised of 75K
June 1, 2016	Opened additional toddler room
October 7, 2016	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Pacific Auction House. Hundreds in attendance from the 60 years of being in business.
August 14, 2017	Opened 4 <sup>th</sup> Preschool classroom taking the total classrooms to 8. No more room for expansion in existing building.

### **Past Homes of The Tiny Tim Center**

April, 1956	First United Methodist Church: 4 <sup>th</sup> and Terry
November, 1957	Mountain View Elementary School
November, 1958	Lincoln Elementary School
September, 1959	First United Methodist Church
March, 1962	First Lutheran Church
September, 1963	Nelson School
December, 1964	Central Presbyterian Church
September, 1965	First Congregational Church
1978	2100 Collyer Street
Fall 2005	611 Korte Parkway

### **Executive Directors**

April, 1956	Mrs. Bob Baysdorfer
September, 1957	Mrs. Marion Karger
September, 1959	Mrs. Clemontine Randall
October, 1959	Mrs. Douglas Champion
December, 1964	Edna Borgmann
1974	Judy Murphy
April, 1976	Jo-Ann Ward
April, 1983	Marnie Haywood
June, 1985	Nancy Jenkins
1989	Barbara Grundlegger
1991	Teedee Keister
2009	Liz Smokowski

August 2010  
November 2013

Marc Cowell  
Matt Eldred