Tuesday's Child
4028 W. Irving Park Road
Chicago, IL 60641

A Program For Building Happy Families

Tuesday's Child presents

Tuesday's Parent

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Summer Fun

Tuesday's Child staff and volunteers are excited to be gearing up for 2011's Summer Camp. This great program takes place every summer at Tuesday's Child to provide children a therapeutic and supportive environment for the summer. The camp is overseen by Tuesday's Child professionally trained staff with the goals of reinforcing Tuesday's Child's parenting and child development techniques.

The 2011 Summer Camp begins June 21st and goes through August 26th with different time periods available to utilize. The camp will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM and Friday 9:30 AM to Noon. Tuesday's Child offers before-care starting at 8 AM for an additional fee.

While at camp children will continue learning the ability to:

- interact appropriately with others
- focus and concentrate
- cope with a variety of situations
- recognize limits and follow directions

Not only will children have traditional summer camp opportunities such as games, pajama days and educational activities, but Thursdays are reserved for field trips to exciting places like Pump It Up, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum and the Mayan Adventure Water Park just to name a few. Your child will have a great time in a nurturing environment that recognizes their individual needs.

Please check out the included insert, Tuesday's Parent Blog or Tuesday's Child website for more updates and registration information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday's Child Resource Fair

March 19, 2011 2pm-5pm
at Tuesday's Child

The resource fair will feature a special guest speaker, Misti Peppler, Occupational Therapist, interactive activities, door prizes.

Send in a 'favorite' web-site for the resource fair book for shopping, reading, cooking, children or adult activities, you name it to Sadean@aol.com.

OPEN HOUSE

Visit Tuesday's Child's Offices, meet our staff, network with the board and learn more about our programming.

Thursday, March 24, 2011
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday's Child Offices
4028 W. Irving Park Rd. Chicago

No registration necessary.
Complimentary wine tasting
and appetizers.

Join us for this opportunity to meet our new Executive Director, Brandon Combs.

New Leadership at Tuesday's Child

Tuesday's Child is proud to welcome a new Executive Director, **Brandon Combs**. Brandon is joining us after working over 15 years in the nonprofit sector with experience in healthcare fundraising and programming and social services. He has a Master's in Nonprofit Administration (MNA) with a certificate in Fundraising and Resource Development. We are incredibly excited to welcome him to our family. Please refer to the Tuesday's Child website and Tuesday's Parent Blog for more information. Join us at an upcoming Open House to meet Brandon and the rest of the Tuesday's Child staff on March 24.

Tuesday's Child Expands Programming

In a continuing effort to expand our reach and impact the lives of children Tuesday's Child is working closely with Chicago Public Schools to train teachers to work effectively with all types of students setting each one up for success. This support is part of CPS' Head Start programming. Current Tuesday's Child staff are working with teachers at Edwards and Peck Elementary Schools on Chicago's south side. Their outreach is part of a larger programming effort to reach out into the community to impact clients in their homes and neighborhoods.

Tuesday's Child Leadership

Bruce Balfe, Chair
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A Tuesday's Child Snapshot: Liz and Owen

In the beginning, I wasn't sure all the praise was going to be a good thing. Not that I didn't want to praise Owen, but it just didn't seem sustainable moving forward. With encouragement from Ann, my Tuesday's Child coach, I gave it a shot.

It was a rocky start. Owen took FULL advantage of all the praise, and even became feistier when he wasn't getting it. Then we turned a comer, and he started behaving in a way so he'd get the praise. When I wasn't quick enough to point it out, he'd point it out. He also started praising me. Telling me I was doing a good job drinking my coffee, walking, driving, cooking. He really got into it. And so did I!

A few days ago Owen shoved a raisin up his nose. After calling my mother, a former nurse, for advice, I was able to get the raisin out. After the ordeal I found myself fighting tears. Not because he was hurt, or in any real danger, but because I could handle it, on my own, without breaking down. The raisin up his nose was the only challenge at the moment, not one of 10! It was at that moment I realized just what a huge change our household has gone through. We're no longer navigating crisis after crisis with meltdown after meltdown. The little things are little things, and now we're able to tackle the big things.

Our whole family has benefited from the program, and moving forward we can navigate the good and the bad together.

– Liz

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Calendar of Events

March 19
Resource Fair

March 24
Open House (4-7 pm)

April 2
Saturday Core Program Start

June 21
Summer Camp Begins

August 26
Summer Camp Ends

September 17
Saturday Core Program Start

September 24
Grown-Ups Ball: 30th Birthday Party

November 12
Saturday Core Program Start

Resource Fair
Tuesday's Child will host a resource fair on Saturday, March 19th from 2 to 5 PM and provide necessary resources and referrals to current participants and program alumni at Tuesday's Child offices. This is sure to be an exciting opportunity to connect with some of Tuesday's Child's past alumni and local businesses that will help support you and your family. The resource fair will feature a special guest speaker, Misti Peppler, Occupational Therapist.

Tuesday's Child
Celebrating Happy Families for 30 Years

Happy 30th Birthday!

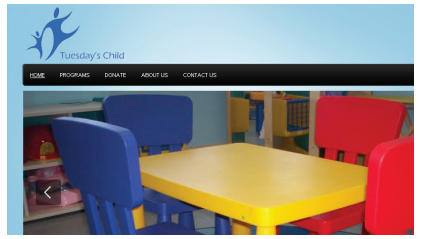
It's time to celebrate - this marks Tuesday's Child's 30th Birthday! Tuesday's Child was founded at Children's Memorial Hospital as a research program to help families with young children who had conflict-ridden relationships with their parents. Many of these children had significant emotional/behavioral issues or were diagnosed with developmental disorders. Because of the program's success Tuesday's Child became an independent 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization in 1984. The agency is widely recognized as one of Chicago's premier parenting and child development resources where any family can build positive parent-child relationships.

We invite you to join us in September for a 30th Birthday Celebration. We hope to reconnect with our program alumni and agency founders at this special event as we commemorate the successes of the past 30 years while looking at the opportunities that lie ahead.

A Face to Know at Tuesday's Child

At Tuesday's Child you will always be greeted with a friendly smile, but none shine quite as bright as **Gigi's**, Tuesday's Child's Intake Coordinator. Gigi oversees all new Core Program intakes and is always here to offer support and assistance to our clients. If you are interested in participating in a Tuesday's Child program or are already a client be sure to call Gigi or simply stop by and say hello.

Tuesday's Child presents
Tuesday's Parent Blog



New Web Outreach

Tuesday's Child is proud to announce new tools to reach alumni, clients and prospective clients through the internet. Just a few weeks ago Tuesday's Child rolled out a new and improved website. In addition, we are planning on providing regular updates and tips through our blog: The Tuesday's Parent Blog, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. We are also looking to provide video assistance, success stories and more through YouTube. Please join us on any or all of these networks. You can access all of them through our main website.

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