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**Blind Children's Learning Center Honors Tustin Resident –  
Peggy Blaising for 25 Years of Volunteer Service**

Santa Ana, Calif. (February 8, 2012) – Tustin resident, Peggy Blaising was honored by Blind Children's Learning Center for her 25 years of volunteer service in support of the Center's work to provide specialized services for children with visual impairments.

At the Center's recent 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala titled Illuminating the Future, Blaising was called an "illuminating force" for her work as a member of the board of directors, leading the Parent Professional Advisory Council and helping direct new program initiatives. Blaising also shared her expertise as a former special education teacher by volunteering in the classrooms as a teacher's assistant.

Deeply admired and respected by current and past staff, retired Early Childhood Center Director Kathy Goodspeed shared, "As a teacher at the neighboring elementary school, she would bring her students over to 'mentor' our children - - what a wonderful role model she is for any teacher. As a volunteer in the classroom, her love for the school, the children and the families just emanates from her. Through thick and thin, she always has such a wonderful positive approach to everything. Her leadership in the community and in her church is such a benefit for all connected with Blind Children's Learning Center."

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About Blind Children's Learning Center

Blind Children's Learning Center, a non-profit agency, provides services for children with visual impairments. Founded in 1962 by six blind adults originally called "Services for the Blind Orange County" focused on supporting blind individuals. The founders quickly discovered the key to helping visually impaired children was to start working with them at a very early age. Today the agency serves children and their families through the Early Childhood Center (onsite preschool) and Outreach Services with the mission to provide early intervention, education and services for blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind children and their families to empower independence. For more information please visit [www.blindkids.org](http://www.blindkids.org)