



*Adria Bader, lead teacher in the Infant Room and Curriculum Specialist at the Rainbow Station Three Chopt School wins national award for her infant program.*

## Rainbow Station teacher develops infant program and garners national award, scholarship

**(Richmond, VA February 7, 2008)** Adria Bader, a teacher at Rainbow Station, was one of 52 winners, and the sole Virginia winner, of the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's **TYLENOL®** National Child Care Teacher Awards™. The award is a program of the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation (TLLCCF).

As part of the application process, applicants designed a project that illustrates educational, social and emotional benefits for children in their care. A national committee of early childhood educators and experts reviewed and scored the projects. Recipients receive a \$1,000 award: \$500 to implement their proposed project and \$500 to acknowledge their dedication.

Bader developed her *Teaching Through Texture* program to enhance the learning of children in her classroom using textured toys. Because infants learn best through touch, *Teaching Through Texture* places tactile material, such as bumpy balls and touch-and-feel books, into babies' hands so they can explore the world through their own sense of touch, and connect the texture to the word associated with it. Bader has been with Rainbow Station for seven years. She is lead teacher in the Infant Room and the Curriculum Specialist at the school on Three Chopt Road.

Rainbow Station provides early education programs, including preschool, nursery school, private kindergarten, the Get Well Place, an onsite facility to care for sick children, and the Village, which offers after-school and summer recreation programs. Rainbow Station is headquartered in Richmond where it has six corporate schools, and franchise schools in Virginia, North Carolina and Texas. All schools are accredited, or seeking accreditation, by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Afterschool Association and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information, 804-747-5900, [www.rainbowstation.org](http://www.rainbowstation.org).

Since the inception of the Teacher Awards program in 1994, the TLLCCF has presented 485 awards totaling more than \$453,000 to early care and education providers for their dedication and excellence in providing quality child care. For additional information about the Foundation or award, visit [www.childcareabc.org](http://www.childcareabc.org) or call (610) 992-1140.

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