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Dear Marcy,

A Message From Our Founder

Hello Inspired Supporters & Visitors,

The Inspired Learning Model(TM) changes lives.

We enter our 4th year with expansion as our theme and a deep sense of gratitude and purpose. Inspired Learning is a gift for the world...and the Foundation is getting it out to the world.



Significant milestones have been achieved during our first three years. All of them because of the extraordinary support you have provided and continue to provide in the form of time, talent and money. Thank you everyone for your continuing support.

The Inspired Learning Model has now been successfully used in public and private schools K-12, universities, graduate schools, corporations, non profits, health care settings, and in private homes. The applications of the Model's principles have transformed the lives of thousands already.

We are certifying facilitators, conducting research, publishing and presenting our research to educators and supporting the Model's use in new and exciting new areas. See below where the Inspired Learning Model principles were applied in a jury room.

Please join our expanding research to bring Inspired Learning to the world. Volunteer, take an Inspired Learning class, become certified, speak to educators you know about this new philosophy of learning that we are bringing to the world. The Inspired Learning Model

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works. People are transformed. Learners and facilitators of learners begin to "Celebrate Learning and Celebrate Life" in a very special and inspiring way.

And, we now have an expanded Board of Trustees to guide us in our work. I want to personally welcome Dr. Katherine Johnson, Hilda Poro, Robert Stack, and Dr. Patrick Williams. I have already experienced your expertise and your brilliance.

Love & Respect,

Peter Reding, Founder

The World's Leading Advocate for Inspired Learning

Our New Board

We have expanded our Board of Trustees over the past five months and have four new members. A heartfelt welcome to Dr. Katherine Johnson, Hilda Poro, Robert Stack, and Dr. Patrick Williams. The new Board held its first meeting in Phoenix February 16-17, giving us an opportunity to do some visioning for the future. Watch our website for upcoming events.

From Our Executive Director

A lot happened in 2005 and I know 2006 is going to be an even more phenomenal year for the Foundation.

The energy I have experienced over the past several months has been incredible. New people are stepping up to the plate all the time, to become involved in Foundation work as a volunteer or to take the Facilitator training. I particularly want to welcome Deborah Waterstone to the Curriculum Committee and Amber West to the Communications Committee. Others have also expressed an interest in joining these two committees so watch for additional names in future newsletters.

Expanding our Board of Trustees has already had an impact, with new ideas helping us to create a more focused vision for the Foundation and we want everyone to be involved. As we establish our goals and priorities for 2006, we realize that we need your support and your expertise more than ever in realizing those goals.

We also realize that we need to keep you more informed, and our first step in doing this is to send out a monthly newsletter, starting now. Stay tuned for our June

newsletter in which we will outline our priorities for the rest of the year and let you know about the different ways you can help. In the meantime, your ideas and comments are always welcome.

Marcy Johnsrude

Executive Director

New Standards of Presence

As a result of your feedback over the past few years, we have a new version of **The Standards of Presence**, one of the key elements of the Inspired Learning Model.

The Standards of Presence are a clearly articulated set of guidelines for creating a container of safety for learning. This new version includes wording each statement as an I statement, "It is my intention to..." and expands the introductory paragraphs.

All groups that come together for the purpose of learning, creating, communicating, living or celebrating are served when the creation and maintenance of a safe space is established. A truly safe group environment provides the basis for powerful transformation, empowering exploration, inspired collaboration and vibrant living. The use of the Standards of Presence has already proven to be transformational in any group it has been used in. We believe the new version will have an even greater impact.

[Download a copy of the new standards from our website.](#)

Volunteer Opportunities: Current Priorities

We have just created a **Communications Committee** and are currently looking for a volunteer who has the expertise to create a newsletter in Constant Contact.

We would also love to hear from people with public relations and/or marketing expertise.

Please contact: [Marcy Johnsrude](#)

Highlights of the Past 8 Months

- August 1, 2005-Presentation of the Inspired Learning Model to the Youth Power Global Initiative Board of Advisors Meeting

- August, 2005 - a three-credit graduate course at Johns Hopkins which included initial sessions August 2-5, and teleclasses throughout the fall session.
- Presented the research paper on the very successful 10-month Howard County Public School System - Coaching Skills for Educational Leaders Program to:
 - The International Coach Federation – Research Symposium – November 9th, San Jose, CA
 - The National Staff Development Council – Annual Conference – December 6th – Philadelphia, PA
- Delivered a number of formal class offerings.
 - Inspired Learning Model Facilitator (TM) Course
 - Inspired Learning Facilitator (TM) Certification Course
- Expanded our Board of Trustees.
- Continued researching and moving the Foundation to new audiences through numerous presentations and introductions to the Model in New York, Hawaii and elsewhere. Thank you to everyone of you who had a part in this.

Upcoming Events

May 10, 2006

The **Inspired Learning Model Facilitator Forum** is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM Pacific Time, unless otherwise indicated

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May 10, 2006

Presentation to the American Literacy Association at the Henderson County Main Public Library. This presentation is open to the public.

September 20, 2006

Presentation to the inside EDGE Foundation for Education.

October 4, 2006

Presentation to the ProLiteracy World Wide Conference in Atlanta Ga, as a pre-conference workshop.

Fall, 2006

Inspired Learning Model Facilitator Certification Course - TBA.

November, 2006

Presentation to the Fourth Annual International Coach Federation Research Symposium

Changes in the Foundation

Karen Cappello has been a Board member and given much of her time and heart over the past three years. We want to thank Karen for everything she has done and while we are sad to see her leave the Board of Trustees, Karen is still very much involved with the Foundation in her role as faculty member.

Sheri Boone has also contributed much over the past three years and recently stepped down as head of the Curriculum Committee. Thank you, Sheri for all that you have done for the Foundation. We are happy that Sheri is still going to be with us in delivering future training.

New Head of Curriculum

Deborah Waterstone, our new head of Curriculum, has been involved with the Foundation for some time and comes to us with many skills and abilities in the training area.

What Others Have to Say

Creating a Standards of Presence environment in jury duty: "As foreperson, my primary intent was to make sure everyone was heard...and create an environment that would allow all members of the jury to participate in a way they probably had never participated: using the Standards of Presence. What a fantastic experience. Every person was respected and listened to...This was our justice system at its best and most honourable. What fun it was to be part of the process, and to help people see a new way of being – together." *Marc*

Participating in Certification Training: "So fulfillingly fabulous! Being in this co-creative group of Inspired Learning Facilitators has brought me to such a deeper space of connection to the model and its magnificence. Its simplicity is brilliant; its results are far-reaching." "It was like coming home to a place where I know I should be. A power certification process that is so honouring, respectful and accepting of the individual." "I really loved being in the energy and love and excitement of each learner."

Training facilitators in the Inspired Learning

Model: "Facilitating the training [the recent certification training] was a powerful experience for me. I love being in the presence of facilitators who are already masterful when they arrive, I love supporting their continued exploration, and I especially love the chance to deepen in the Standards of Presence. The conversation I felt the most on-fire about was one that had two main points, a number of sub-points, and a lot of positive energy. The two main points were "speaking in I- statements" and "how to uphold the Standards of Presence when a participant (or many participants) are forgetting to speak in I-statements" *Jennifer Sellers*

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