



Dr. Lorraine Golden in 1998 at a KCC party for their special children.

the Center over the next decade was challenged on many levels: lack of funding, opposition from the organized allopathic community and continuous rejection of support from local philanthropic organizations. During the mid 60's to mid 70's, continued operations of the Center were made possible, in part, by the efforts of members of the Mennonite church, who were conscientious objectors to the Vietnam War. They provided professional services ranging from educators, clinic and office aides, bus drivers and maintenance workers in exchange for room and board and a nominal stipend.

Despite these seemingly insurmountable challenges, the Center persevered. On July 26, 1981, the Center was granted full ownership of the 11.6 acres of land and property it had occupied for more than twenty years. Then, in September of 1987, "The American College of Surgeons settled an 11 year long antitrust case and paid \$200,000 to the "Mother Theresa of Chiropractors." This settlement was the result of a ruling by Judge Susan Getzendanner that the American Medical Association and its affiliates had spearheaded a boycott designed "to contain and eliminate the chiropractic profession." The five plaintiffs had named KCC as a recipient for any settlement.

Over the next decade as the economy shifted and the numbers of not for profit organizations increased exponentially, finances became increasingly strained at the Center. In the shadow of the illness and loss of the clinic director, Dr. Joan Partridge in July, 1996 and Dr. Golden's failing health, in the spring of 1998, the board of directors was forced to close the school at the end of the academic year despite the valiant efforts of board members to raise much needed funds from local and state governments. Later that same year, on December 21, the children, staff and friends of Kentuckiana Children's Center bid Dr. Lorraine M. Golden a final farewell.

One year later, the gates of the old Nichols Veterans Hospital were closed for the last time as Kentuckiana Children's Center was relocated to 1810 Brownsboro Road in December of 1999.

Under the direction of its current Executive Director, Jean Elizabeth, and clinic physician, Rebekah Wittman, DC, Kentuckiana Children's Center continues to follow the vision of Dr. Lorraine M. Golden. That vision is "to provide chiropractic care to special needs children regardless of the family's ability to pay." The Center strives to adhere to this mission despite many challenges.

### The present

Today, the Center continues to operate primarily on funding provided through



Loving staff and friends of KCC build a wall of memories of the special children who have come through Kentuckiana's Doorway of Hope.



The KCC facility today is in a better part of the city of Louisville, but still follows Dr. Golden's golden rule, "that no child be denied care regardless of their ability to pay."

private donations and local and national organizations. The Center continues to provide chiropractic care for children. Insurance assignment is now accepted from a number of insurance carriers and the Center now utilizes a sliding scale fee.

Chiropractic remains the foundation of care in the treatment of all children at the Center. Over the last few years the staff has adapted to the dramatic rise in the number of children diagnosed with autism and related disorders, the primary reason children seek care at the Center today. Each child's treatment plan is individualized for the challenges each child faces. A child may undergo important functional testing and receive several adjuncts or nutritional guidance in his or her treatment plan in addition to their chiropractic adjustments.

The mission of the Center is to improve the lives of children by providing a foundation for healing through integrative chiropractic care. One of the key roles played by the chiropractors at Kentuckiana may be to help unravel that puzzle and either address the important components, or network the child and his/her family with others in a cradle of support. This is why the staff, volunteers and the Board of Directors at Kentuckiana Children's Center continue to adhere to Dr. Golden's Big Vision of Healing all Children.... Hope for the Whole Child.

**SHARON VALLONE, D.C. F.I.C.C.P** became interested in Kentuckiana the first time she heard about the Center when she was a student at New York Chiropractic College and heard Dr. Golden speak. When it seemed that Kentuckiana might have to close its doors when Dr. Golden became ill, Dr. Vallone left her practice in Connecticut in the hands of her associates and went to Louisville to volunteer her help. Dr. Vallone is now KCC's Chairman of the Board and also serves as the vice chair of the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics.

**Kentuckiana:**  
**Keep the Doorway to Hope Open!**

Please help Kentuckiana to continue serving children who need help the most.

**Two ways to contribute:**

1. Sponsor a player in the golf marathon to be held September 2007
2. Send a donation via check or credit card to

**Kentuckiana Children's Center**  
 1810 Brownsboro Road  
 Louisville, KY 40206  
 To donate by credit card call 1-502-366-5658

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**Thank you for helping children who need chiropractic care most!**