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LIMITED BODIES, LIMITLESS MINDS

New Voices, in partnership with Footpath Pictures of Raleigh, recently released a powerful 12 minute "vignette" video – *Limited Bodies, Limitless Minds* – featuring Josh, a six year old child who is unable to walk or speak. Josh's mom, teachers, and therapists wonder about how much Josh is able to understand of the world around him. His responses are often confusing and inconsistent. New Voices provided Josh and his mom with the opportunity to spend a day with some specialists who are skilled at working with children with communication and mobility challenges. The vignette allows you to witness Josh as he demonstrates what he comprehends. The video underscores the importance of professional, multidisciplinary assessment for children with communication and mobility challenges.



Josh

MEEHAN GIFT RECEIVED

A special thank you to Prue and Peter Meehan of Chapel Hill for their outstanding leadership support of the New Voices planning work. Their recent contribution will help provide further development for the New Voices School as well as much-needed resources for opening our initial Assessment Center. Prue currently serves on the New Voices Foundation Board of Directors.

NEW VOICES, KENAN PARTNERSHIP

The Kenan Fellows Program and New Voices Foundation have joined forces to identify an Assistive Technology Teacher in 2008 who will be "Teacher in Residence" at New Voices Assessment Center and School.

The Kenan Fellows Program, at the Kenan Institute at NC State, provides fellowships to retain top flight math and science teachers in the public schools. The Kenan-New Voices Fellow will be selected from nominees presented by our partner schools from among their assistive technology specialists - Wake, Durham, Chatham, Orange, and Chapel Hill-Carrboro public schools.

Funds will be raised by New Voices Foundation and the Kenan Fellows Program.

DARRYL LESTER



"As a parent with a daughter who has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, I've been interested in the New Voices project because I see the need in the community. Like most families, we've worked very hard identifying the resources and linking with professionals to ensure our daughter has every chance to reach her potential.

It shouldn't have to be so hard. Just a state-of-the-art assessment center alone would make a tremendous difference for so many families.....an actual school would literally transform lives."