



April 6, 2009

Dear Friends,

It is with an extremely heavy heart that we share the sad news that Bright Horizons Senior Vice President of Education and Training Jim Greenman passed away this weekend after a valiant battle with cancer.

Jim was a legend not only within Bright Horizons but in the entire field of early education. And while his passing leaves a major void in our hearts and in the early childhood profession, his legacy leaves an ever-lasting gift to children and to educators that will sustain for generations to come. Jim brought respect to early educators by insisting on respect for young children. He knew the purpose in their play and unveiled it for the world to see messy little scientists, emerging builders, acrobats and artisans.

Jim advocated for children and their teachers from the streets of Minnesota to the halls of government in Washington, D.C. to the classrooms in child care centers around the globe. At Bright Horizons you can see his impact in gentle book nooks in the toddler classroom, in the preschool's dramatic play corner, and in the spots on the playground dedicated to the exploration of even the youngest infants. You can see his impact in the work of the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, which he led with a great sense of purpose. Whether in the Head Start programs of his earliest years or in the Bright Spaces he helped to build across the U.S. and Europe, Jim was dedicated to ensuring that all children, no matter their circumstances, have spaces to call their own, to learn, to be safe and to grow. He leaves his mark on the Web on Bright Horizons University and in the advocacy of men in child care. And he leaves those who knew him best with an understanding that you may not mourn his loss without also paying tribute to his unmatched irreverence and tremendous wit.

All of us at Bright Horizons are committed to keeping Jim's memory and work alive by ensuring that each and every day our work and our programs are reflective of his mission and that they bring all the promise of the World to the fingertips of young children everywhere.

With sorrow,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Lissy".

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