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Randolph Partnership for Children honors volunteers, installs board directors at annual meeting breakfast

2018 Champion for Children Volunteer of the Year announced

ASHEBORO, N.C. (August 30, 2018) — Fourteen exceptional volunteers were honored, and five new directors were installed during the Randolph Partnership for Children’s Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast. The event was held Friday, August 24 at The Exchange Banquet and Meeting Hall in downtown Asheboro.

Board Chair Kevin Franklin welcomed a group of about 60 in attendance. The board reported \$4.21 million in revenue and \$4.16 in expenditures for its 2017-18 fiscal year. Total cash and in-kind contributions topped \$450,000. Administrative costs accounted for less than 5 percent of year’s total expenditures.

“It takes the collaboration of many agencies, the dedication of many volunteers and the commitment of entire communities to bring about the changes needed to create great beginnings and ensure strong futures,” Franklin said. “That collaboration, dedication and commitment is happening right here in Randolph County.”

Executive Director Lisa Hayworth, along with Partnership staff and community partners reported on new initiatives, including the Family Coalition, which is an extension of the ShapeNC program; the expansion of the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program; KidsReadyNC, a community collaboration focusing on improving child outcomes by focusing services and support for children birth to age 3; and expanded training and support for the Reggio Emilia philosophy in child care and preschool settings.

Sarah Beth Campbell was honored as the 2018 Champion for Children Volunteer of the Year. In addition to her duties as a board director and Gala for the Children silent auction chairperson, Campbell spent hundreds of additional hours each spring to ensure the Partnership’s signature fundraising event continued to run smoothly and successfully despite staff turnover. She then patiently mentored the Partnership’s new director of marketing, often with her toddler in tow.

“What happened last April and the April before couldn’t have been remotely possible without Sarah Beth’s hard work, dedication, creativity and patience,” Franklin said. “As a board member, a volunteer, and a donor, Sarah Beth Campbell is a shining star among our amazing volunteers.”

In addition to Campbell, honored for their leadership and dedication as volunteers were Scarlet Welborn of The Growing Place Child Care Center; Dr. Frances Jones, founder of the Randolph Books for Babies program; Shannon McCrary, former RPC employee, former Gala for the Children chairperson and newly installed board director; Teresa Canoy, owner of Harvest House in Ramseur; Officer Brad Faw of the Asheboro Police Department; former board chairperson and retiree of SECU, Lynn Jones; and the PNC Grow Up Great Team, which included Tina Luck, Christy Murphy, Liane Locke, Crystal Hudson, Jennifer Wardlaw, Lesley Earliwine and Rocio Jaimes.

Directors approved to serve a second term included Debi Lagueruela, Sarah Lanier, Wayne Rowe and Dr. Terry Worrell. New directors installed included Shannon McCrary, Marcelo Pariz, Niccole Hugg-Suttles, Jody Walker and Kathy Walker. Officers approved for the 2018-2019 year were Kevin Franklin as chair, Jerry Moore as vice chair, Debi Lagueruela as secretary and Wayne Rowe as treasurer. Outgoing directors George Taylor and Tina Luck were recognized for their service.

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About the Randolph Partnership for Children: Since 1999, the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC), a non-profit organization, has made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Randolph County children and their families. As the community’s lead organization for young children and their families, RPC brings together diverse agencies, individuals, organizations and communities to ensure all children enter school ready to succeed. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.randolphkids.org.

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[photo 1] Sarah Beth Campbell named Randolph Partnership for Children’s 2018 Champion for Children Volunteer of the Year. Photo courtesy of Randolph Partnership for Children.

[photo 2] Board Chair Kevin Franklin, left, presents Sara Beth Campbell the 2018 Champion for Children Volunteer of the Year award at Randolph Partnership for Children’s annual meeting. Photo courtesy of Randolph Partnership for Children.