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Randolph Partnership for Children receives \$2,500 from Pinnacle Financial Partners

ASHEBORO, N.C. (July 17, 2019) — Pinnacle Financial Partners awarded Randolph Partnership for Children \$2500 in funding. The check presentation was made by Senior Vice President Wayne Rowe on Monday, July 15.

“Through this investment, Pinnacle exemplifies how corporate citizens and nonprofits can collaborate for the good of a community,” Executive Director Lisa Hayworth said. “We at the Partnership for Children appreciate Pinnacle’s financial support and the many hours of volunteer services they provide to our organization on a yearly basis.”

The Partnership approached Pinnacle Financial Partners in May with the request on behalf of the Randolph KidsReadyNC Team to support collaborative work among agencies serving children birth to 3 and their families. The overall goal of the team’s work is to increase the percentage of students who are proficient in ready by the end of grade 3.

“Supporting and investing in our community is a foundational part of who we are at Pinnacle,” said Wayne Rowe, office leader for Pinnacle’s East Dixie office. “Randolph Partnership for Children is addressing critical issues around quality of life in our community. It’s an honor to support their work as we all band together to help give everyone better opportunities to prosper. When that happens, everyone wins.”



Executive Director Lisa Hayworth receives the check from Senior Vice President Wayne Rowe at the Partnership offices on July 15.



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The funds will support the onboarding of an AmeriCorps VISTA candidate. The VISTA will be housed at the Partnership and will be responsible for completing a birth-3 fiscal and service map of the county by municipality. The project will inform community partners, reduce duplication of services, help agencies use existing resources more efficiently, and identify and secure additional resources to close gaps.

The work will address food deserts, child care deserts, school readiness, health, and toxic stress. By addressing these specific issues facing young children and families, the team will have an opportunity to problem-solve and take action to remove barriers that hinder opportunities for families with young children, break the cycle of poverty, and effect long-term change in local educational and workforce outcomes.

In addition to Partnership staff members, the Randolph KidsReadyNC Team includes representatives from child care; county government; city, county and charter schools; Randolph Community College; Head Start; social services; early intervention; mental health; health care; health department; local libraries; and Communities in Schools.

The target date for onboarding the VISTA is September 3. Information regarding qualifications and how to apply for the VISTA position are available at www.randolphkids.org/about-us/job-vacancies/. For more information, contact Micki Bare at 336-629-2128 or mbare@randolphkids.org.

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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 kindergarten ready to succeed in school and life. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.randolphkids.org.

About Pinnacle Financial Partners: Pinnacle Financial Partners provides a full range of banking, investment, trust, mortgage and insurance products and services designed for businesses and their owners and individuals interested in a comprehensive relationship with their financial institution. Pinnacle earned a spot on *FORTUNE*'s 2019 list of the 100 Best Companies to Work For[®] in the U.S., its third consecutive appearance. *American Banker* recognized Pinnacle as one of America's Best Banks to Work For six years in a row. Pinnacle entered the North Carolina market in 2017 when it acquired BNC Bancorp, known locally as Bank of North Carolina. Pinnacle continues BNC's practice of offering community bank service with the resources and sophistication of a larger firm.