



Sidewalk Chalk

Monthly e-newsletter

OUR VISION

All children in Randolph County enter school healthy & ready to succeed.

In this month's issue:

- Get to know Board Director Wayne Rowe and watch him play hide-and-seek!
- Inspiring providers with The First 2000 Days.
- Website rebuild: RPC is currently accepting bids for development.



RPC was honored last week with a visit from Dawn Betts, who stopped by to deliver an \$816 gift from [First United Methodist Church of Randleman](#) for [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library \(DPIL\)](#). Combined with their donation from last February, the church has donated more than \$2000 to the DPIL program in 2018, which means about 70 more children, birth to five-years-old, in Randolph County will receive a free book in the mail every month.

Our sincerest gratitude to members of First United Methodist Church of Randleman for your continued support!

Inspirations

These warm summer days tend to focus us on numbers and statistics, don't they? We're always thinking about things like temperatures, humidity levels, number of days since our last rainfall, or the times for low and high tides.

For the moment, I am asking you to zero in on a stat that stays at the forefront of my mind as I carry out my work for the Partnership for Children:

80%



**of brain growth happens
in the first 3 years of life.**



The developmental plasticity of a young child's brain is the reason why we so often say children are like sponges, soaking up everything around them. The soaking up part is only half of the story, because young children don't simply take in information and passively sit on it – but rather they actively use information to make sense of the world around them and to take on their next, higher-ordered learning feats.

Each interaction with a parent, grandparent, early educator, or other caregiver is a **brain-building** interaction for a young child. Inside the brain, dense neural networks are forming that can make learning fun and easy – when time and focused attention are given to a baby, infant, or toddler. In playing a simple game of Peek-A-Boo, a grandmother, for example, is helping her grandchild lay deeper grooves in his neural networks, encouraging him to be curious, and motivating him to seek out new information. Perhaps best of all, she's helping him discover the joy of feeling competent and confident that comes when she removes her shielding hands, allowing him to find his grandmother's face.

A child's early learning partners – parents, grandparents, teachers, aunts, uncles, and other caregivers – have tremendous impact on the little one's future success. So, if your summer plans don't already include something as lofty as **building brains**, please find a way to work it in! I'm betting it will be the most fun you have all summer.

Lisa Hayworth

Executive Director

Board Profile



RPC Board Director **Wayne Rowe**

Wayne Rowe serves as banking officer and branch manager at Pinnacle Financial Partners. He began serving on the RPC board in 2015. He and his wife Kristen have two beautiful girls, Addisyn (7) and Ella (5). They are very active in their church, West Asheboro Church of God, and love going to baseball games and taking family trips. The Rowe's live in Asheboro.

Wayne Rowe visited Teddy Bear Child Care, where the three-year-old class showed off their raised vegetable

Q & A

Why are you involved with RPC?

I was drawn to RPC by their mission to positively impact the lives of children and their families in Randolph County by ensuring all children enter school ready to succeed. To serve with an organization that has such an extraordinary reputation in the community as RPC does is an honor and privilege.

Why is high-quality early childhood education important to you?

Early childhood education sets the foundation for a successful learning career as children age.

What is your vision for early childhood education in Randolph County?

That every child in Randolph County has the opportunity and resources they need to be successful as they enter school.

What is your favorite childhood memory?

Outdoor activities. Developing friendships with other kids in the neighborhood and letting our imaginations run wild!

Check out this clip of Wayne tapping into his inner 3-year-old self:

gardens. They also engaged him in a game of hide and seek!

Teddy Bear Child Care is a 4-Star center serving children birth-12. The center is located at 1552 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203. For more information, call 336-672-6777.



[Director of Early Care & Education Andee Edelson](#) and [Early Childhood Specialist Kristy Umfleet](#) are going on tour! Beginning Tuesday, July 17, they are heading out to visit child care providers throughout Randolph County, stopping in 11 locations between mid-July and mid-August to meet with directors and staff from every center.

Staff Snippits

During their tour, they will be sharing information on the impact of the First 2000 Days of a child's life on brain development. What happens in children's early years sets the foundation for all the years that follow.

Andee and Kristy plan to not only inspire providers, but also express gratitude for their critical role in children's lives.

The sessions, which will be one-hour, are intended to re-energize our early childhood workforce and get them off to a great start for the 2018-19 year!

We're re-imagining our website

The Randolph Partnership for Children is currently accepting proposals from qualified vendors or individuals for website design, development and hosting.

Bid proposals must be received in the Randolph County Partnership for Children office at 349 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, NC 27203 via postal mail postmarked no later than Friday, July 27, 2018; or delivered in person or via email to mbare@randolphkids.org no later than 3 p.m.,



Friday, July 27, 2018.

For a complete list of specifications and resources, please contact Micki Bare, Director of Marketing & Community Engagement and Outreach at 336-629-2128 x12 or mbare@randolphkids.org.

Did you know???



When we began our journey in 1999,
16% of the child care directors in
Randolph County had a 2- or 4-year
higher-education degree.

As we've supported and encouraged
professional development, we've seen that
percentage increase to

72%

in 2018. We are proud of the impact we
have had and will continue to have on
early childhood education in Randolph
County.

Penciled in

- **Wednesday, July 25:** Farm-to-Childcare meeting at RPC
- **Thursday, July 26:** KidsReadyNC Local Team meeting at RPC
- **Saturday, Aug.11:** Journey Church Back-to-School event (RPC Booth with free books, DPIL registration, activities and information; Parents-as-Teachers booth for information and recruitment)



*Help us put kids first in
Randolph County!*

Donate

new & gently used books
new blankets
new infant blankets

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We're connected with Amazon Smile, so when you shop and select Randolph County Partnership for Children, you're helping to raise money for literacy programs, parent support, early childhood professional development and NC Pre-K right here in Randolph County!



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