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Moore elected board chair at Randolph Partnership for Children's annual meeting

Barlow recognized as agency's Volunteer of the Year

ASHEBORO, N.C. (August 23, 2019) — Chairmanship of Randolph Partnership for Children was passed on from Kevin Franklin, president of Randolph County Economic Development Corporation, to Jerry Moore, owner of Carolina Pharmacy, at the agency's Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast, held today at AVS Catering and Banquet Centre in Asheboro.

Franklin served two consecutive terms on the board, from 2013-2019. He stepped up to the role of Board Chair in 2016. In honor of his service, a copy of *National Geographic's 5,000 Awesome Facts About Everything* was donated to Randolph County Library System. He was also presented with a certificate of appreciation.



Kevin Franklin passes "gavel" to Jerry Moore

"Kevin's contributions to our board and to our Partnership ran the complete gamut – thought leader, strategist, community advocate, connector to resources, donor, big picture thinker," Executive Director Lisa Hayworth said.

Moore, who has served on the board since 2016, will be joined on the executive committee by Marcelo Pariz of State Employees Credit Union (vice chair), Debi Lagueruela of Trinity Furniture (secretary), and Wayne Rowe of Pinnacle Financial Partners (treasurer).

Newly elected directors to the board included Dr. Lynette Graves, Randolph County School System, Director of Elementary Education and Title I; Hope Haywood, County Commissioner, Randolph County; Art Martinez, Agency Owner, Nationwide Insurance: Martinez & Associates; and Tracie Murphy, Director, Randolph County Department of Social Services.

In addition to Franklin, retiring directors recognized for their service included Karol Barillas, Angela Cox, Dr. Stephen Gainey, Dr. Patricia Vinocur, Dr. Terry Worrell.

The Board also recognized six volunteers who “have been exemplary over the past year in making our mission their mission; telling our story with as much passion and conviction as those who work at the Partnership day in and day out,” Franklin said.



Felicia Barlow, Walker McCrary, and Jane Sibley-Hager

Recognized for their service were Felicia Barlow, Director of Marketing/Public Information Officer for Randolph Community College; Jessica Cashatt; Linda Kinney, Education Specialist; Manager Playful Pedagogy at the NC Zoo; Walker McCrary, President of Acme-McCrary & Sapona Foundation; Elizabeth Servin; and Jane Sibley-Hager, Visual Arts Teacher for Randleman High

School. Franklin then announced that Barlow was named 2019 Volunteer of the Year.

The program included information on new initiatives. Infant-Toddler Technical Assistance Specialists Joy Johnson and Scarlet Welborn gave an overview of the Infant & Toddler Technical Assistance Model Pilot Project. Erin Hayes, a teacher at Randleman Enrichment Center, and Sabrina Lucas, a teacher at The Kids of Hope, both spoke about their experiences as participants in the project.



Scarlet Welborn, Joy Johnson, Erin Hayes, and Sabrina Lucas

Director of Marketing and Community Engagement & Outreach Micki Bare provided an overview of The Basics Randolph. She also announced plans for expansion of Reach Out and Read in Randolph County. Asheboro Police Officers Lupe Gonzalez and Kevin Ingold spoke about their involvement reading to children in local pediatric offices as an extension of the Reach Out and Read program.

Lauren Ingold, a local parent, shared her family’s involvement with Books for Babies, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, and Reach Out and Read, all of which she was introduced to when she gave birth at Randolph Health.

“While in the hospital, I had a cheerful volunteer bring me a Books for Babies bag filled with a few books, valuable information about the benefits of reading, and a First Library Card. In



Lauren Ingold and son, Sanders

addition, the volunteer spent time with my husband and I explaining the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library,” Lauren Ingold said. “We received an age appropriate book at the end of Alex’s first wellness appointment from his pediatrician...he has had several more wellness checks, where he has received more books that he wanted to look at as soon as the nurse or doctor handed them to me at the appointment.”

The more than 80 community members who attended received the agency’s 2018-2019 Annual Report to the Community. The report includes the agency’s fiscal year financial overview, sponsors and donors, programmatic accomplishments, and child data for

Randolph County. The full report is posted on the agency’s website at 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 school ready to succeed. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.randolphkids.org.