



Sidewalk Chalk

Monthly e-newsletter

OUR VISION

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

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"You were designed for accomplishment, engineered for success, and endowed with the seeds of greatness."

~Zig Ziglar

A Message to Randolph County's Early Education Advocates

A Salute to Randolph County!

In our work to fulfill the mission of the Randolph Partnership for Children, we have come to appreciate more than ever how incredible Randolph County really is. We speak routinely about the heightened collaboration we find in our county and the ways in which it sets us apart.

As the Partnership for Children celebrates 20 years of delivering services in Randolph County, we are particularly proud of the fact that this has been shared, community-based work. For the role that you specifically have played in bringing the Partnership's mission to life, please accept our heartfelt gratitude. Because of your involvement, the Partnership has:

- Increased Smart Start investments for access to child care
- Improved quality in child care centers and expanded strategies to support early educators with professional development and salary supplements
- Expanded learning opportunities to the out-of-doors, helping educators view nature as a second teacher
- Launched and continuously expanded literacy efforts like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Reach Out and Read
- Become increasingly intentional about family engagement in early education
- Convened and facilitated an ever-growing network of people dedicated to making the most out of a child's earliest opportunities

Because of you, and through Randolph County's spirit of collaboration, the Partnership

has built strong systems in support of early education and learning. These systems are robust, with mutual accountability, shared data and measurement, and continuous communication.

Great successes in the Partnership's first 20 years give us great optimism for the next 20. Our sincere hope is that the collaborations continue to open new doors for the youngest children in our county, their families, and the educators who teach them. Especially in a county as connected and as collaborative as ours, School Readiness is everybody's business – and we invite you to make it yours!



Kevin Franklin
2018-2019 Board Chair



Lisa Hayworth
Executive Director

Family Testimony



From Lauren Ingold's appearance at the 2019 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast. She is pictured with her son Sanders.

My name is Lauren Ingold and I want to share my positive experience about the Book for Babies program along with the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provided by the Randolph County Partnership for Children.

Last September 18th, I delivered a sweet baby boy named Alexander (we call him Alex) at Randolph Hospital. While in the hospital, I had a cheerful volunteer bring me a Books for Babies bag filled with a few books and valuable information about the benefits of reading and a First Library Card. In addition, the volunteer spent time with my husband and I explaining the Dolly Parton's

Imagination Library where you can sign-up and receive free books in the mail each month until age five.

Not only did we go home from the hospital with many wonderful books, but with the Reach Out and Read program we also received an age appropriate book at the end of Alex's first wellness appointment from his pediatrician. In the car on the way home from his appointment, I handed Sanders, Alex's big brother, the book to show Alex and he absolutely loved it! It was a basic book that helped young infants focus on basic colors and simple shapes.

As time went on and he has had several more wellness checks, we have received more books that he wanted to look at as soon as the nurse or doctor handed them to me at the appointment. This is definitely a fun and engaging way for him to look at colors, shapes and just enjoy holding a book in his hands.

As many of us know from statistics the importance and benefits of reading early to your child. A 2019 study published in the Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics, for example, found that kids who are read to every day are exposed to around 78,000 words each year—over five years, that adds up to 1.4 million words heard during story time.

Alex is now just one month away from turning one year old. One of our favorite things to do is read a book in the morning, during playtime or right before going to bed—of course he loves to grab his color book provided by the Books for Babies program.

I recently filled out the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library information and look forward to receiving those books in the mail in the near future. We are thankful for these programs and the many benefits they provide to infants, children and families in Randolph County.

2018-2019 Accomplishments

Here are a few of the statistics shared at the 2019 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast.

- **498** early educators took part in at least one of **94** workshops/trainings offered
- **87** early educators received at least one supplement through the WAGE\$ program
- **152** children (average) per month received child care scholarships
- **324** children in **9** communities were served by the Pre-K program
- **650** children attended Week of the Young Child events
- **31** centers, **8** homes, and **7** NC Pre-K sites received visits from the Nurse Consultant
- The number of children receiving Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books monthly grew from **822** to **2,220**
- **6820** gently used and new books were distributed to children at community events
- Agency participation in **30** community events reached more than **3000** adults and children with **37** volunteers assisting

The full 2018-2019 Annual Report to the Community can be downloaded from our website.

[Annual Report to the Community](#)

Volunteer Recognition



At the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Board 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," Board Chair Kevin Franklin said.

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**
- **Jane Sibley-Hager**, Visual Arts Teacher for Randleman High School.

Once the awards were presented, Kevin Franklin announced that Felicia Barlow had been named 2019 Volunteer of the Year.

Pictured are Felicia Barlow, Walker McCrary, and Jane Sibley-Hager



20th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, September 12

Randolph Partnership for Children

4-5:30 p.m.

Drop in and celebrate 20 years of the Partnership serving children and families. Walk through our history in pictures, visit with staff, network with community members, and enjoy light refreshments. No RSVP needed!

Inspired Randolph/KidsReadyNC Banquet

Thursday, September 26

The Exchange

6-7:30 p.m.

The KidsReadyNC initiative was developed to bring together enthusiastic, multi-stakeholder teams from the state's Tier 1 and 2 counties who were interested in committing to improvement in the health and development outcomes of their young children.

The initiative was facilitated by the Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) at N.C. State University and funded in part by grants from The Belk Foundation and The Duke Endowment.

Randolph County, along with Catawba, Chowan and Rockingham counties, received tools and technical assistance through IEI as its county-level team participated in a peer-learning process designed to boost capacity and improve outcomes for children and families.

In Randolph County, we grew a local team that is reviewing our 0-3 population and the services and care opportunities in place, identifying areas of need, and problem-solving to ensure the best start possible for our infants and toddlers.

Hear about the work of the Randolph KidsReadyNC Team as the 18-month initiative

comes to end, marking the beginning of great work to come for children birth-3 and their families.

RSVP to Micki Bare at mbare@randolphkids.org or 336-629-2128 by Friday, September 13, 2019.

Penciled in

- **Monday, Sept. 2:** Labor Day Holiday **Offices Closed**
- **Thursday, Sept. 5:** Inspired Teachers Kickoff at North Asheboro Park **6:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Sept. 12:** 20th Anniversary Celebration **4 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Sept. 14:** Bush Hill Festival in Archdale, visit our BOOTH! **9 a.m.-4 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 17:** Board Meeting **8:15 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18:** Sustainability Committee Meeting **1 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition Meeting at Senior Adults Association Center **11 a.m.**
- **Thursday, Sept. 26:** Inspired Randolph/KidsReadyNC Banquet at The Exchange **6 p.m.**



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Randolph County!*

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diapers

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