



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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Quality early education "builds essential skills in young children that have significant, beneficial short and long-term effects on education, health, social behavior and lifetime employment and income."

~James Heckman

The Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, and a Nobel Memorial Prize winner in economics



Inspiration S

As 2019 draws to a close, I want to thank everyone who took an active role this year in making the Partnership for Children a stronger organization.

As I often say, it's no coincidence that the word 'Partnership' is in our organization's name, because we could not and would not achieve our mission without the support and collaboration of many.

I especially want to extend my personal thanks to the early educators throughout this county who are teaching our little ones, nurturing them, and helping them feel

safe and supported at the all-important starting line of their educational journeys. I am increasingly in awe of our early educators' giving spirits and outright determination to be a positive force in a young child's life, especially as I understand more and more the complexities, challenges, and – dare I say -- inequities of the field.

While there are no easy solutions, we at the Randolph Partnership are committed to helping transform the early education field so that educators can earn a livable wage, stay in the field, advance their careers on defined, professional paths, and make the life-altering impacts they want to make for the children they teach. These changes will take time, focus, and commitment from everyone who cares about young children and bright futures. Let's do this together! And let's start 2020 with bold strides.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

[Lisa Hayworth](#)
Executive Director

Teacher for a Day

What's it like to spend your days with a classroom of toddlers? A couple of business leaders in Randolph County found out during American Education Week in November.

"It was challenging," Mandy Gaines said of her experience in Alicia Cruz Ortega's preschool class at Precious Memories Preschool.

Mandy, a manager for Samson & the Lion Natural Food, and Aaron Lucas, from Asheboro Key & Lock, each spent three hours experiencing what it's like to be an early educator in Randolph County.

Aaron was in Sabrina Lucas' toddler class at The Kids of Hope, where he learned the importance of being visually aware of where all the toddlers are throughout the day, and how tiring it is to provide that supervision.

"My favorite part of hosting was allowing them to experience what we do every day," Sabrina said. "They saw what we actually do as educators. That we not only love and care for these children but we also teach them too. [Teacher for a Day] helped everyone to better appreciate what us as educators do for the community, these families and the children."



Mandy Gaines receives her faux check



Aaron Lucas receives his faux check

Both were worn out, but in a good way, when it was time to leave. And that's when they received one more eye-opening nugget. Each was presented with a faux check for what they would have earned had they been employed by the center. Their checks were for \$30.

Early educators in Randolph County make an average of just over \$10 per hour. Yet they are charged with providing environments and interactions that build brain architecture—80% of brain growth occurs in those first three years of life—and prepare our babies for successful, healthy lives.

The Teacher for a Day project was created and facilitated by Scarlet Welborn, Infant-Toddler Specialist with Randolph Partnership for Children. Scarlet plans to replicate the project with more business leaders and child care centers to demonstrate the importance of early education as well as the need for higher pay in the field.

"This project was created to shed light on the Early Childhood Professionals who are working hard to create high quality care for our future workforce, but with little compensation," Scarlet Welborn, infant-toddler technical assistance specialist, explained. "I want to give our teachers a voice, and educate others on all the responsibilities of caring for children that are not only our future, but the children of our present community workers."



Pictured from left are Mandy Gaines, Alicia Cruz Ortega, Sabrina Lucas, and Aaron Lucas.

NC Comparison of Annual Costs:



Center-based
infant care
\$9,254



Public four-year
university tuition
\$7,220



Average annual
mortgage payments
\$15,132

Thank you for a great GIVING TUESDAY 2019!

It's official! Randolph County's favorite Dr. Seuss book is *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. It garnered \$1117.50 in votes, which accounts for 49% of our Giving Tuesday proceeds.


Your generosity and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

If you didn't have a chance to vote—and donate—you can still give to our Annual Appeal. And just like with our Giving Tuesday campaign, those who donate \$50 or more will receive our 2019 collectible holiday ornament.



Donate Today!

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SUCCESS


Brains are built, not born. Babies' experiences shape brain development and build the foundation for future learning, behavior and health.



Parents play the lead role in their child's development, but all parents are stretched in the earliest months and years.

Our state and our communities all have a role to play in providing parents with support they may need at this especially critical time.



Policies and programs should ensure healthy beginnings at birth, support families with young children, and make high-quality child care accessible and affordable.

Quotes for Good with Justin Kivett State Farm

On Dec. 13, Justin Kivett presented Lisa Hayworth with a check for \$280 for Randolph Partnership for Children. Justin Kivett State Farm has been raising \$10 for each auto, fire, live and health quote the office completes.

So far, 28 quotes have been completed. But it's not over yet. Refer businesses, family, and friends to Justin Kivett State Farm to request quotes. There's no obligation associated with the quotes, but \$10 for each will be donated to Randolph Partnership for Children!



Thank you Justin and your staff for choosing to support children and families in Randolph County!

Pictured from left are Lisa Hayworth, Justin Kivett, Cambridge Davis, and Collin Shawver.

Shopping for the holidays?

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Penciled In

- **Tuesday, Dec. 17:** Board of Directors Meeting **8:15 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition Meeting **11:30 a.m.**
- **Friday, Dec. 20-Wednesday, Jan. 1:** Office closed for staff retreat and holidays.



*Happy Hanukkah
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*

- **Tuesday, Jan. 14:** Board of Directors Meeting **8:15 a.m.**

[Visit our calendar online, too!](#)

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Randolph County!*

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diapers

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