



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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"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark."

~Michelangelo

Inspirations

In this issue of Sidewalk Chalk, we reflect on ways in which the Randolph Partnership for Children sets the bar high.

Over time, I have learned that setting a high bar sometimes requires us to face failure. Rare is the person who hits the mark every single time on the first try. This truism is part of the reason why I tell our team: you have my permission to fail. I'd rather we shoot for the moon and hit the stars, as the old expression goes, than to set our sights short.

When any of us at the Partnership aim high, have a sound plan to reach our goal, enact the plan, and then fall a bit short, my job as the organization's CEO is to help my teammates assess what we can do differently to achieve that last bit of result.

There's a leadership strategy I really like called **PDSA: Plan, Do, Study, Act**. Often, making minor tweaks while keeping the momentum going produces enough synergy to effect the change we want to see.

The group we have at the Partnership for Children is a pretty fearless bunch. We do set the bar high, and then we jump in with both feet. How I love this work and this team!



Lisa Hayworth

RPC receives Think Babies NC 2020 Outstanding Baby Advocate Award

On Monday, February 24, Lisa Hayworth accepted a **2020 Outstanding Baby Advocate Award** on behalf of Randolph Partnership for Children. The award was presented by the Think Babies NC Alliance and the NC Early Education Coalition during a luncheon at the Think Babies NC Think Tank and Celebration, held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

In an email from NC Early Education Coalition Policy Director Michele Rivest, RPC was notified that its nomination and selection was based on its outstanding leadership and advocacy to advance better opportunities and outcomes for babies and their families in Randolph County and North Carolina by promoting public awareness, engaging community members and advocating with policymakers on issues affecting babies and their families.



"The Think Babies Leadership team was so impressed by the extensive community education and engagement through seven round-table discussions and the Child Care Tour Event of high quality infant toddler child care programs in your the county, and the launch of The Baby Basics Randolph Program," Rivest said in the email. "We appreciated your outstanding work and advocacy to inform state legislators and local mayors and city council officials about the issues facing babies and families and provide the latest research and information about evidence-based programs."

Eight recipients were announced, divided among three categories: State and Local Policymakers (two recipients), State Organizations (two recipients), and Community Champions (four recipients). Randolph Partnership for Children was among the Community Champions recipients. In addition to the eight award winners announced at the luncheon, 17 other agencies and individuals from across the state were nominated.

"This award is the result of the hard work and dedication of our entire team at Randolph Partnership for Children, as well as the efforts of our local community partners such as Randolph County Public Libraries, Randolph County Public Health, and the leadership in our towns and cities," Lisa said during her acceptance speech. "We are also grateful for the support and confidence provided by Michele Rivest, the NC Early Education Coalition, and all those involved with Think Babies in North Carolina."

Pictured above are Micki Bare, Lisa Hayworth, Andee Edelson, and Michele Rivest.



Lisa Hayworth accepts a 2020 Outstanding Baby Advocate Award on behalf of Randolph Partnership for Children.

Randolph Partnership for Children featured during the awards ceremony.



Mommy Matters



WATCH VIDEO

Click the button above to watch the February 13 edition of Mommy Matters and see Cindy Farmer and Micki Bare discuss ways to sooth baby based on [The Basics](#) [Randolph](#) pillar:

Maximize Love, Minimize Stress

Read Across America

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2, and we are giving each of our NC Pre-K classes a Dr. Seuss book to celebrate. We need a team of volunteer readers to visit our NC Pre-K classrooms during Read Across America Week, March 2-6.

If you're interested in reading to a preschool classroom and presenting them with one of the Dr. Seuss books we've purchased thanks to a donation from **Bank OZK**, let us know by clicking on this button:

I WANT TO READ!

Teacher for a Day



Our early child care providers have set the bar high in Randolph County. We currently have 19 5-Star centers and four 4-Star centers.

Have you ever wondered what high-quality care looks like?

With all the attention that early education is receiving locally, statewide, and nationally, we've decided to help community

members discover what it's like first hand.

In May, we are hosting a special event created by the Partnership's early care and education technical assistance specialists called "Teacher for a Day."

Teacher for a Day, planned for Tuesday, May 19 from 9 a.m.-noon, will give participants a unique opportunity to experience the critical and demanding work of some of Randolph County's most talented early childhood professionals.

Participants will be assigned to one of the county's 5-Star child care centers. They will then have the opportunity to assist teachers implement daily lesson plans and see how children learn through play in high quality child care programs.

We developed this event as a way to broaden each participant's understanding of early care and education. We want them to discover first-hand the importance of the role of early childhood professionals in preparing children to succeed in school and enter the workforce with the skills Randolph County needs to flourish.

Teacher for a Day participants will attend an orientation breakfast on Thursday, May 14 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. prior to being placed in a classroom. They will also be invited to attend our Night of the Stars banquet event at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21. The banquet recognizes the educational achievements of early childhood professionals in Randolph County.

Want to participate? Contact **Scarlet Welborn** at swelborn@randolphkids.org or 336-629-2128 x18



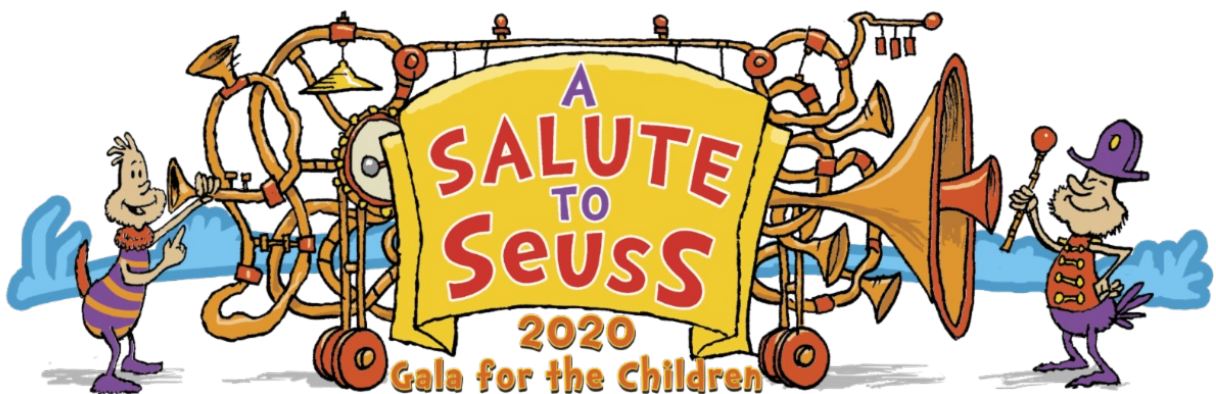
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Join Gala for the Children Chairs Sarah Beth and Todd Campbell on May 2, 2020 at AVS Banquet Centre for our signature fundraising event!

This year's theme is **A Salute to Seuss**, once again highlighting the importance of early literacy.

The funds raised are used to sustain and expand critical programs and initiatives for young children in Randolph County, preparing them to enter kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed in school and life.

Our programs support and enhance literacy, health, and early learning for children age birth-5 as well as professional development for early educators.

We're so very grateful for our early sponsors!

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- **Thursday, Feb. 27:** Sustainability Committee Meeting **1:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Feb. 27:** Randolph ChAMPS Meeting **4 p.m.**
- **Friday, Feb. 28:** MMCI **Noon**
- **Tuesday, March 3:** NC Pre-K Subcommittee **11 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, March 3:** Grant Review Meeting **12:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 4:** Silent Auction Committee Meeting **Noon**
- **Tuesday, March 10:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition Meeting **11:30 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 11:** Directors Institute **Noon**
- **Thursday, March 12:** Professional Development Committee Meeting **Noon**
- **Thursday, March 12:** Week of the Young Child Committee Meeting **2:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, March 16:** NC Pre-K Meeting **Noon**
- **Tuesday, March 17:** KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY!
- **Tuesday, March 17:** Board Meeting **8:15 a.m.**
- **Saturday, March 21:** THE HUMAN RACE
- **Thursday, March 26:** Sustainability Committee Meeting **1 p.m.**
- **Thursday, March 26:** Randolph ChAMPS Meeting **4 p.m.**

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

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