

# Champions

## QUARTERLY

Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter for those who support Randolph Partnership for Children with their time and/or resources. We could not do what we do without you!

"Giving is not just about making a donation; it's about making a difference."

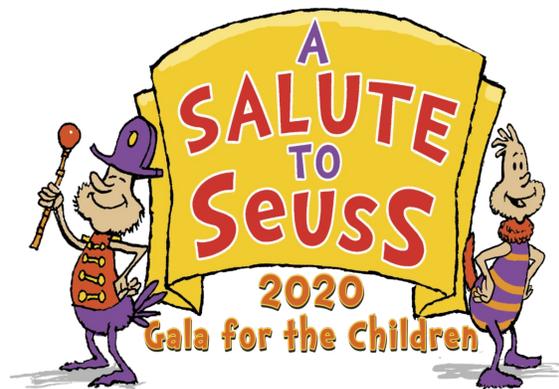
-Kathy Calvin

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### 2020 Gala for the Children rescheduled

Due to the pandemic, for the first time in our Gala for the Children's history, we had to reschedule. The event is now planned for Saturday, August 29, 2020 at AVS Banquet Centre. However, we know this, too could change. Regardless of the status of the event, we greatly appreciate your continued support!

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### Presenting Sponsor Spotlight: Dr. Natalya Mendez

For the 3rd consecutive year, Dr. Natalya Mendez, DMD, FICOI is a presenting sponsor of the Gala for the Children event. We are truly grateful for their support. We reached out with a few questions to learn why the Partnership is a priority for Dr. Mendez.

#### **Why do you sponsor Randolph Partnership for Children?**

"We sponsor Randolph County's Partnership for Children because we believe in the difference they are making in our county. We know children that are receiving books from Dolly's Imagination Library and the joy on their face when they get that book every month is breath taking. We love to know that we are a small part of that great joy."

#### **What do you feel is a high-priority need for children in Randolph County?**

"I believe that community knowledge of programs/assistance offered in Randolph County should be a priority. The Partnership for Children in Randolph County offers so many services for the citizens of Randolph County, some of which I didn't realize myself until recently. Which leads me to believe if I didn't know, how many other people in Randolph County don't know about possible programs/assistance that could have a positive impact on their families."

***What is your favorite Gala memory?***

"My favorite Gala memory has to be when Ely rapped the Dr. Seuss book and got the crowd involved." (see above photo)

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**Preschoolers grow their own lunch**

Money raised at our last couple of Gala for the Children events allowed us to expand the reach of the [ShapeNC](#) project.

The resulting transformation of many of Randolph County child care center's outdoor learning environments (what we used to refer to as playgrounds) includes lush, seasonal vegetable and herb gardens. Toddlers and preschoolers now get their first taste (literally) of physical science and agriculture at their child care centers!



The cabbage pictured is from Teddy Bear Child Care Center in North Asheboro. The children grew and harvested the cabbage. The center then used it for meals. Teddy Bear Child Care Center has also transitioned to family-style meals, which promotes eye-hand coordination, socialization, and language development.

Your support created healthier, fresher menus and learning opportunities galore.

Thank you!



**Volunteer Profile: *Meet Felicia Barlow***

Each year, we recognize a handful of volunteers who have given back in big ways through their work with, through, and for Randolph Partnership for Children; work that directly, positively impacts young children. From the list of volunteers recognized, our Board of Directors votes to select a Volunteer of the Year.

In 2019, Felicia Barlow, who serves as the director of marketing/public information officer for Randolph Community College was selected as the Volunteer of the Year. Felicia dedicates hundreds of hours to further the mission of the Partnership each year.

Felicia was first introduced to the work of the Partnership in 2016, when she volunteered for a Play Daze event. She is currently an active member of the Sustainability Committee and the Gala for the Children Silent Auction Committee. One of the reasons Felicia is so committed to the success of the Partnership is her belief that, "building strong roots in the early years results in children who will become strong adults when they get to RCC."

Do you know someone worthy of being recognized for their volunteer efforts with Randolph Partnership for Children? You can nominate them by filling out and submitting

## **Board Profile:** **Meet Wayne Rowe**

"I'm involved with RPC because I believe in the mission of the organization and in the excellent service delivery provided. The staff is passionate and effectively equipped to support both families with young children and child care providers. RPC is also committed to a truly county-wide impact, reaching small communities and large.



"It's an honor to be affiliated with an organization that is making such a positive difference in Randolph County!"

### **Our Board**



## **Featured Blog:** **The Fairy Garden Awaits!**

Dena Harwood, a lead teacher at Connie Redding Head Start in Asheboro, isn't welcoming preschoolers into her classroom with hugs and smiles these days. COVID-19 took that away from her this spring. Dena, however, is an early childhood hero. Despite not being able to directly care, nurture, and teach her class, she continues to work hard for her little ones.

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