



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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"Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient"

—Dr. Steve Maraboli

Inspirations

When I was in grad school way back in my late 20s, my thesis examined parallels between altruistic behaviors in birds and philanthropic behaviors in humans. Here at the Partnership, during our Gala Week 2020, I'm reminded time and again about ways in which donors and volunteers are vital to the lifeblood of a nonprofit organization. I'm inspired by their generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure. And I'm indebted to our donors and volunteers for believing in our mission and for lifting up our work as worthy of their focus and energy.



While our Gala is ever-important as a fundraiser – indeed, it is our primary means of generating private, unrestricted funds for our nonprofit – please know, for all of us here at the Partnership, it isn't only about the Benjamin's! Our Gala is about the donors behind the donations. It's about the volunteers behind the hours of time. It is a celebration of the young children and families throughout Randolph County. It is about seizing opportunities to do more and be more for those we serve.

To the volunteers who champion our organization, and to the donors who invest in our work, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I can't wait for our first-ever

Virtual Gala this Saturday, August 29 at 7:00 PM! I look forward to “seeing” you all then!

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lisa Hayworth

Executive Director

Are you or someone you know in need of child care?

Call 1-888-600-1685 for Emergency Child Care Referrals & Information



7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29



After a long year in which we’ve postponed our annual Gala for the Children and then converted it to a virtual event...

It’s finally Gala Week!

The 12th Annual Gala for the Children: **A Salute to Seuss**, our signature fundraiser and benefit auction, will go live on our YouTube channel at 7 p.m., Saturday, August 29.

Make sure you’re subscribed to our **YouTube channel** right now if you aren’t already!

Our first online silent auction (Pottery) has already begun and we’ll be opening the second one (Crushing Quarantine) on Wednesday. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to register as a bidder.

Once you’re registered as a bidder, you’ll also be set up to

participate in the live auction and Fund-A-Need during our live-stream event.

Contact Micki Bare at mbare@randolphkids.org with any questions you have about the event or how to participate.

Thanks so much for your support and generosity!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Please share with others who want to positively impact the lives of young children in Randolph County!

NC Pre-K Updates

Do you live in Randolph County and have a child who turns four by August 31st?

If so your child may be eligible for the **FREE** NC Pre-K Program!

The Randolph Partnership for Children still has openings across the county in the NC Pre-K Program and are currently accepting applications!

*All children will receive instruction either in-person, remotely, or a combination of in-person and remote learning.

Interested? Check out our website randolphkids.org to apply online or print and fax: 336-629-2134, email cshoe@randolphkids.org, or drop off your application at

349 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro on the following days and times:

Mondays- 10-2

Tuesdays- 10-6

Wednesdays- 10-2

Thursdays- 10-2



More questions? Visit randolphkids.org or contact us at 336-629-2128

Building Emotionally Healthy Brains

The Randolph Partnership for Children is pleased to announce the launch of a new and exciting initiative 'Building Emotionally Healthy Brains'. The initiative is rooted in the work of the Partnership for Children to ensure healthy and well prepared children become contributing members of our community tomorrow. The framework of this initiative will include specific high quality trainings and intensive technical assistance sessions to child care programs working toward improvement in the following areas:



1. Increasing healthy social behaviors and experiences
2. Enhancing staff and children's emotional well-being
3. Establishing concrete strategies that offer a safe and supportive environment

Honorable Visit



The Partnership welcomed Katherine Restrepo, Health Care Policy Advisor for the President Pro Tempore at the NC General Assembly, for an August 21 tour of outdoor learning environments at two child care centers in Randolph County. We salute The Growing Place Child Care Center and Shepherd's Way Day School for hosting Ms. Restrepo and her touring companions: Connie Wilson, Lexi Arthur, and Michael Welker. Candid conversations during the tour enabled the group to learn about ways in which COVID-19 has impacted child care and challenged the economic viability of established programs while simultaneously uniting early educators to be there, against the odds, for the children, families, and communities they serve.

Penciled In

- The RPC office is closed to the public until further notice. Staff will still be working primarily from home during this time.
- NC PRE-K APPLICATIONS: Online Applications available at randolphkids.org or at Randolph Partnership for Children, 349 Sunset Ave., Asheboro.
- Essential agency board and committee meetings will be held virtually. Attendees will be notified with participation information. Contact [Lisa Hayworth](#) for an invitation to board meetings.
- The 2020 Gala for the Children A Salute to Seuss fundraising auction & benefit is planned for Saturday, August 29 at 7 p.m., live-streaming on YouTube
- For virtual professional development opportunities, visit our [TRAINING](#) page on the RandolphKids.org website.



Help us put kids first in Randolph County!

Donate

new & gently used books
new infant blankets
diapers

Shop

We're connected with Amazon Smile, so when you shop and select Randolph County Partnership for Children, you're helping to raise money for literacy programs, parent support, early childhood professional development and NC Pre-K right here in Randolph County!



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