



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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"Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true."

—Ruth Bader Ginsburg

THANK YOU!

When we had to postpone our 2020 Gala for the Children—at one point even entertaining the notion of canceling our signature fundraising event altogether—and then switch from an in-person to a virtual event, it was stressful. We had to learn new ways of engaging our supporters. We had to learn new platforms and software. We had change the way we raised money for children and families and Randolph County. And we didn't know what to expect when August 29 finally rolled around.

But we should have known. Because Randolph County is unique. You are special. As with every important call to action, every community need, you came together to ensure the success of our virtual A Salute to Seuss event.

We are humbled by the engagement, generosity, and enthusiasm around raising money to support infants, toddlers, preschooler, early education, outdoor learning environments, early literacy, and everything we do to ensure the health, wellness, and success of children in Randolph County.



Thank you for your engagement. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your enthusiasm.

And most of all, thank you for prioritizing the children. You inspire all of us at Randolph Partnership for Children to do our best in support of Great Beginnings and Strong Futures!

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Our Mission

We proudly debuted our new mission video during the live stream of our 2020 Gala for the Children. If you missed it on August 29 or just want to see it again, here it is.



Transformation Tuesday

For the next few months, we're featuring a different child care program on social media each Tuesday to show the transformation of outdoor environments happening all across Randolph County.

Transformation Tuesday posts include BEFORE and AFTER photos of the same outdoor space. The comparison illustrates the impact of Shape NC, which has supported area child care programs to transform their outdoor spaces into inviting, beautiful, interactive outdoor learning environments.

Here are the first two we shared. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see many more in the weeks to come. This fall, every Tuesday is #TransformationTuesday!

Honeycomb Kids

BEFORE



On September 15, we featured Honeycomb Kids, which is located in Hopewell Elementary School in Trinity.

Honeycomb Kids recently transformed their outdoor meadow into a rich outdoor learning environment. This includes a looping pathway, swinging bridges, arbors, mud kitchen, music wall, covered sand play and a teepee.

Honeycomb Kids

AFTER



The variety of activity setting provides engaging exploration for the children.

To learn more about this incredible transformation, we recommend this news article on their outdoor learning environment expansion:

[Honeycomb Kids in the News](#)

Harmony Place

BEFORE



Today we featured Harmony Place in Asheboro. They transformed an asphalt parking lot into a flourishing outdoor learning environment.

Highlighting the space are edible gardens, trees, and a looping boardwalk that invites continuous movement for preschool and

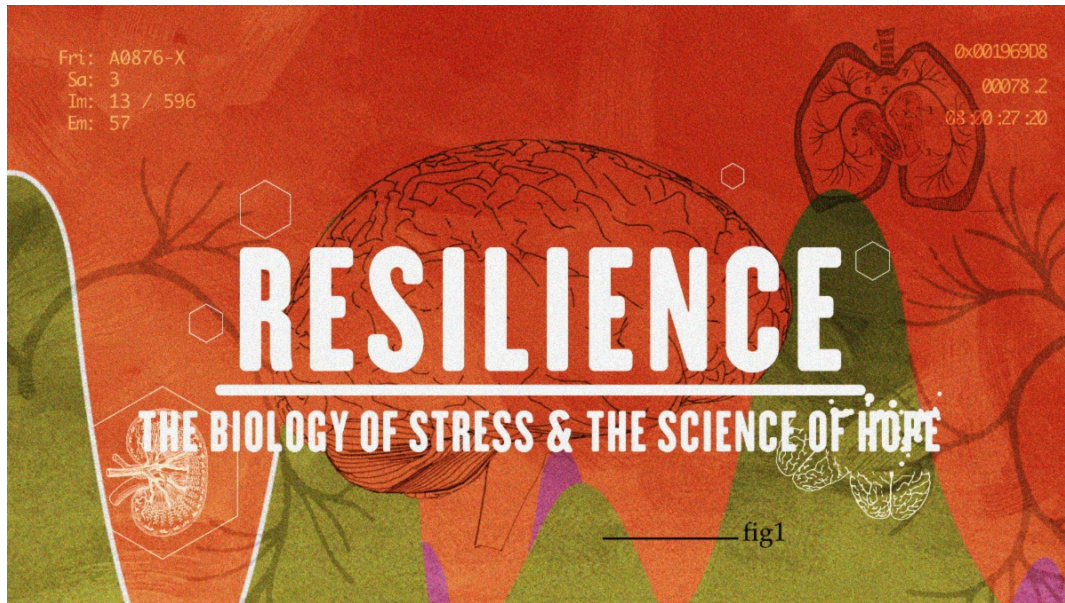
Harmony Place

AFTER



Outdoor easels, a performance stage, mud kitchen, and dry creek bed with water pump also provide unique and stimulating play experiences.

Resilience Documentary Drive-In



On **Thursday, October 22, 2020**, in collaboration with Archdale Parks and Recreation and Randolph County Public Health, we are hosting a drive-in screening of the documentary *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*.

This documentary, which is the recipient of nine film festival awards, chronicles the birth of a new movement among pediatricians, therapists, educators and communities using cutting-edge brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease. By understanding what Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are and how they affect us, we can work toward implementing “trauma-informed” policies and practices in our homes and communities. In this way, Randolph County can realize drastic reductions in rates of high-school drop-outs, teen pregnancy, youth suicide and domestic violence, as well as increased health outcomes and longevity.

The drive-in event is free, but you must have a ticket to participate because space is limited to 70 vehicles.

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Mommy Matters on Fox 8



On the second Thursday of each month, a member of the Randolph Partnership for Children staff is interviewed during the Fox 8 Morning News. We talk about topics that affect parents and children as well as upcoming events or initiatives.

In the months ahead, we'll be discussing Resilience, Developing Healthy Eaters, and Mindfulness. Watch for us between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. October 8, November 12, and December 10!

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.
- For virtual professional development opportunities, visit our [TRAINING](#) page on the RandolphKids.org website.



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