



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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"Anyone who does anything to help a child is a hero to me."

—Fred Rogers

Heroes Recognition

Child Care Services staff at the Partnership delivered individual shortbreads to every child care teacher, director, and staff member last week fresh from The Table thanks to Dustie Gregson. Each month, our Child Care Services staff deliver treats to Randolph County's Child Care Provider HEROES!

Thank you to our April
**CHILD CARE
PROVIDER HEROES**
sponsor:

Dustie Gregson



THE TABLE

If you'd like to sponsor treats to show appreciation to the heroes in our child care centers and homes in Randolph County, click to email Andee Edelson for details!

SPONSOR TREATS



Pictured are The Children's Center teachers Karen Williams, April Hill, and Stephanie Spencer with Dustie Gregson of The Table and Director Debbie Lockhart.

Worthy Wages Wednesday

Enough is enough.

**Early educators
deserve
worthy wages for
worthy work!**



The NC early Education Coalition began a Worthy Wages Wednesday campaign a few weeks ago. Why Worthy Wages Wednesday? Because child care professionals deserve worth wages for worthy work.

North Carolina is facing a workforce crisis. The essential early educators who care for young children and support working families are underpaid and undervalued for their important work. Child care teachers earn just \$12/hour, 1 in 5 have no health insurance during a pandemic, and nearly 40% receive public assistance. Professional compensation and benefits are urgently needed to support teachers, stabilize child care programs, and improve access to high-quality early learning opportunities for young children in all 100 counties.

We've been encouraging and supporting early educators in Randolph County to earn certificates and degrees, stay engaged in continuing education in the

field, and increase the quality of their learning environments inside and out for decades.

And while quality has increased by leaps and bounds, pay has not. In Randolph County, the average pay for teachers in working in child care and preschool is only about \$11/hour.

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Pinwheels for Prevention



The pinwheel is the national symbol of great childhoods. When you see pinwheels in front of businesses along Sunset Avenue in downtown Asheboro, as well as all around Asheboro and the rest of Randolph County this month, think about ways you can be a light in a child's life.

If you'd like to plant a virtual pinwheel in the Pinwheels for Prevention National Virtual Pinwheel Garden to support child abuse prevention awareness, click on the Virtual Pinwheel Garden button.

[VIRTUAL PINWHEEL GARDEN](#)

Strengthening the Workforces of Today & Tomorrow



In this video, Kevin Franklin, President of the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation, discusses the importance of early care and education in relationship to the current and future workforces.

Staff Announcement

It is with much pleasure we announce **Scarlet Welborn** as our new Professional Development Specialist. Scarlet began her teaching career in 2008 at The Growing Place as an assistant teacher in the three year old class. She returned in 2013 as an Infant assistant teacher, and then lead teacher in the two year old class in 2014.

More recently, Scarlet joined the Partnership staff in February 2019 as one of two Infant-Toddler Technical Assistance Specialists for the Infant-Toddler TA Pilot Project. In that role, Scarlet provides direct support to infant and toddler teachers, focusing on child-teacher interactions and additional strategies to advance high quality infant and toddler classrooms.



The Pilot Project ends on Sept 30, 2021, after which Scarlet will move into the Professional Development Specialist position full-time on Oct. 1, 2021. During this transition, Scarlet will continue in her current role as she begins familiarizing herself with all the components of the Professional Development Specialist position.

Scarlet brings a wealth of experience as an early childhood teacher, passion in creating a high quality classroom environment, and knowledge in her own educational journey. She earned her BA in Early Childhood Education while working full time.

We look forward to this new opportunity for Scarlet which affords her another early childhood leadership experience. As much as we miss Susan and the perspective and service she brought to the Partnership with humor and humility, we know Scarlet will carry that torch forward as she brings fresh ideas and another reflective lens for and with our early childhood community.

Early Educator Scholarship



Our late colleague, Susan Harris Helsabeck, served as the Professional Development Specialist for 5 years. During that time, she encouraged and assisted early childhood classroom staff attain credentials and degrees in the early education field.

A great way to cherish her memory, honor her work, and support early educators is to give to the Susan Harris Helsabeck Scholarship Fund, which you inspired us to create.

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NC Pre-K Registration Events

Registration for NC Pre-K for the 2021-22 year is happening now! There are 373 available slots in Randolph County for five sites in Asheboro, two in Trinity, and one each in Level Cross, Liberty, Ramseur, and Randleman.



To assist families with registration, we are planning drive-through registration events through June. During these events, families can bring applications, pick-up applications, and get questions answered.

Drive-through registration events in Liberty, Ramseur, Randleman, and Seagrove are planned as follows:

Friday, April 30, 5-7PM, Liberty Public Library Parking Lot
239 S. Fayetteville St., Liberty

Tuesday, May 18, 9AM-1PM, Ramseur Public Library Parking Lot
1512 Main St., Ramseur

Thursday, May 27, 9AM-1PM, Randleman Public Library Parking Lot
142 W. Academy St., Randleman

Thursday, June 17, 9AM-1PM, Seagrove Public Library Parking Lot
530 Old Plank Road, Seagrove

Please contact Cindy Shoe at cshoe@randolphkids.org or 336-629-2128 x11 with questions about NC Pre-K registration!

LEARN MORE ABOUT NC PRE-K



2021 Gala for the Children

On behalf of our Chairpersons Nicki & Brian Hill, We have some big updates to share about our IF YOU GIVE 2021 Gala for the Children fundraiser and benefit auction!

First, we welcome a new Presenting Sponsor, **Pam Hill, Clerk of Court**. She joins **Acme-McCrary & Sapona Foundation** at the top level of sponsorship for our 2021 event.



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IF YOU GIVE 2021 Gala for the Children

We also have a growing list of sponsors we're proud and grateful to announce.

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- **Thurs., April 22, 1 PM:** Sustainability Committee
- **Thurs., April 22, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS
- **Mon., April 26, 12:30 PM:** Auction Committee
- **Thurs. April 29, 12 PM:** Professional Development Committee
- **Fri. April 30, 5 PM:** NC Pre-K Drive-Through Registration (Liberty Public Library)
- **Tues., May 4, 1 PM:** Grant Review Committee
- **Wed., May 12, 12 PM:** Directors' Institute
- **Mon., May 17, 1 PM:** NC Pre-K Committee
- **Mon., May 17, 2 PM:** Theme Committee
- **Tues., May 18, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors
- **Tues., May 18, 9 AM:** NC Pre-K Drive-Through Registration (Ramseur Public Library)
- **Wed., May 19, 11 AM:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
- **Thurs., May 20, 7 PM:** Night of the Stars
- **Thurs., May 27, 9 AM:** NC Pre-K Drive-Through Registration (Randleman Public Library)
- **Thurs., May 27, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS



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Randolph County!*

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