

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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"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance."

-Eckhart Tolle

Inspirations

Every now and then I happen upon the works of leadership expert Dr. Brene Brown. One of her pieces that I seek out to re-read from time to time pertains to *practicing gratitude*. As I understand Dr. Brown's thoughts on this matter, the practicing of gratitude is active work involving the heart and mind. Far beyond merely having an "attitude of gratitude," practice is intentional and tangible. Much like the physical muscles in our bodies, we increase our gratitude muscles with this type of active practice. And this, in turn, leads to a more joyful life. Practice strategies include keeping gratitude journals, starting meetings by asking participants to share one

thing they are grateful for that day, and



setting timers throughout the day to stop and think a grateful thought.

Throughout my life, Thanksgiving has been a profound time for my own practice of gratitude. There is something about the act of gathering that is moving and soulful, whether it is the gathering of family and loved ones, all the delicious foods cooked with love, or the inevitable migration of rowdy and overstuffed football fans to the nearest television. And, yes, as Dr. Brown would predict—I find that I am especially joyful during the Thanksgiving season. Even things that are usually irksome, like standing in long lines at the grocery store, become cause for celebration as I stand and wonder what the person in front of me is going to prepare for their big meal.

For someone as blessed as I am, I should not have to be reminded to practice gratitude. But, alas, reminders are sometimes required and always useful. To the members of our Randolph Partnership community, *you are my reminders*. Your very presence is cause for deep gratitude and joy. Thank you for being you, and thank you for being part of us.

Happy, Happy Thanksgiving.

Lisa Hayworth

Executive Director

Ooops! So sorry!



We inadvertently missed a step on our postage machine when we mailed out our Annual Report to the Community this fall.

Some of you may have received yours postage due and you paid it. Thank you! And please accept our apologies.

Some were returned, so we resent them with the correct postage, which meant

they arrived later than intended. We're sorry!

A few in our local zip code went through without incident.

We know better for next year!

Thank you for your gracious acceptance of our ooops! No one called to complain or correct us. You are amazing and we're thankful for such amazing supporters and partners.

2020-2021 Annual Report

Giving Tuesday

GivingTuesday spans the globe on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to unleash the power of radical generosity. This year, it falls on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

This Giving Tuesday, we're kicking off end-of-year giving! You can support RPC this holiday season by choosing an unrestricted donation or a gift to the Susan Harris Helsabeck Scholarship Fund.

If you don't want to wait until Nov. 30, you can donate today!





2021 Family Survey

Our Family Engagement and Leadership Coalition is conducting its annual Family Survey. This survey provides families with young children (birth-5) in Randolph County a way to share concerns, obstacles, and other important information to local organizations who provide services and support. This is an anonymous survey. The congregate data is shared with agencies for the purpose of improving services and support to young children and their families.



If you have a child or children between the ages of birth and 5 years old and live in Randolph County, or if you know someone who does, please take a moment to complete and/or share this year's survey. Thank you!

SURVEY LINK

Ramseur's New Little Free Library

Our Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition Chairperson, Jamee Tate, is passionate about books, especially when it comes to supporting early literacy efforts of families with young children.

The moment she learned that her neighborhood was the recipient of a Little Free Library, thanks to the generosity of Technimark LCC of Asheboro, she contacted RPC. We then arranged to place children's books donated by local Rotary Clubs and Kiwanis Club of Asheboro into this new resource for the Ramseur Community.



Jamee met us on Nov. 11 at the Little Free Library to place the books. Each book has a bookplate indicating the donating organization and the person they honored with the book donation. Each book also has information on how to register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library as well as The Basics Randolph bookmark.

If you have books you want to leave in this Little Free Library, the charter number is 120453. You can look up this and other Little Free Libraries (like the one in our front yard) at LittleFreeLibrary.org.









Business Before Hours THIS FRIDAY!

Universal Children's Day Proclamation







Randolph Partnership for Children

for Business Before Hours on November 19th at

7:15am at The Exchange

204 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro

There will be food from The Table, door prizes and networking!

Penciled In

- Wed., Nov. 17, 11 AM: Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
- Thurs., Nov. 18, Noon: Directors' Institute
- Thurs., Nov. 18, 4 PM: Randolph ChAMPS
- Fri., Nov. 19, 7:15 AM: Business Before Hours
- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 24-26: Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
- Wed., Dec. 15, 11 AM: Family Engagement & Leaders Coalition
- Tuesday, Dec. 21, 8:15 AM: Board of Directors

Visit our Calendar

Help us put kids first in Randolph County!

Donate

new & gently used books new infant blankets diapers

Shop

We're connected with <u>Amazon Smile</u>, 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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