

# Champions

## QUARTERLY

A 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!

*"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."*

*—Margaret Fuller*

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## A Blessing for the Blessings Box

We are thrilled to have a partner in Zooland Civitans Club. In addition to donating books to the partnership, they're also now contributing to our Blessings Box.

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## Grant Updates



Last quarter, we noted that RPC was in the process of submitting the following grants, and here are the updates:

**Band-NC Digital Connectivity** (\$5000). With the grant, we're providing hardware to enable families in need to connect to online resources, school, and more. We are also connecting families to existing digital resources, such as low/no-cost internet packages.

**Randolph Arts Guild Grassroots Grant** (\$2000) to bring in Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artist for children, families, and early childhood professionals.

This project will focus on story telling. We received this grant and will be bringing two artists in from Wolf Trap to provide professional development opportunities and center-

based classroom events for teachers, children, and families. The Wolf Trap project is part of our Week of the Young Child celebrations. (Pictured is Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artist Wincey Terry-Bryant)

## Rolling Back to Birth

Starting March 1, Dr. Chamberlin at Asheboro Children's Health on Cox Street in Asheboro will provide Reach Out and Read books and early literacy guidance to parents at four additional well-child visits by starting the program at birth.

Reach Out and Read encourages families to read together and builds a foundation for success by combining children's books and literacy tools with pediatric visits. Pediatricians like Dr. Chamberlin incorporate books into visits to evaluate development and "prescribe" family reading time. The child receives a free book at each well-child visit through age 5.

For 10 years, Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC) has facilitated Reach Out and Read at Asheboro Children's Health, Randolph Health Pediatrics, and Randolph Health-Liberty for well-child visits beginning at the 6-month visit. RPC's program is designated as High Quality by Reach Out and Read-Carolinas. Asheboro Children's Health is the first of the three sites to meet the requirements to roll back to birth. The other two sites have plans to do the same in the near future.

This expansion to include the four additional well-visits was made possible through a Medicaid initiative with the NC Department of Health and Human Services, originally approved December 2020. Expanding the Reach Out and Read program to include children from birth is one of the four goals in the initiative.



## Giving Tuesday & End-of-Year Giving



Our sincerest gratitude to all of you who contributed to our Giving Tuesday/End-of-Year Giving campaign. It was our most successful to date, a whopping **\$16,200**.

It all began with the Giving Tuesday online campaign to kick off this year's , which brought in \$735. The rest was received via mail as end-of-year giving continued through December and early January.

We encouraged earmarking funds as desired throughout the campaign. We're thrilled to report the following breakdown of funds received:

**December Treats for Early Educators \$250**  
**Susan Harris Helsabeck Scholarship For Early Educators fund \$360**  
**Books for Babies \$2500**  
**Unrestricted Funds \$13,090**

## Early Literacy Updates

### Books for Babies

We've provided Randolph Health with **250** Books for Babies bags since July 1, getting

500 books into the hands of parents of newborns. We also added a Books for Babies page to our website now that RPC administers the program.

### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

We continue to encourage all families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to register. We currently have **4245** children enrolled. This represents about **53%** of the eligible population in Randolph County.



### **Reach Out and Read**

We currently administer Reach Out and Read through partnerships with Asheboro Children's Health, Randolph Health Pediatrics, and Randolph Health-Liberty. These three sites have distributed **1270 English** and **562 Spanish** books to children so far this fiscal year during well-child visits.

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