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RCC employees conduct book drive during Week of the Young Child

ASHEBORO, N.C. (April 12, 2022) — The Randolph Community College (RCC) Staff Association held a book drive in observance of the Week of the Young Child®. The books were donated to Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC).

Throughout the week of April 4, staff at RCC collected new and gently used children's books. The drive served as a service project of the RCC Staff Association. On April 11, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees Heather Clouston and Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs Specialist Morgan Whisenant visited RPC with the books collected during the campaign.



RPC Executive Director Lisa Hayworth accepted 40 books, which will be labeled to

recognize the RCC Staff Association donation as well as provide information on how families with young children can register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The books will then be placed in literacy-rich reading areas for children in Randolph County as well as RPC's Little Free Library.

Pictured at RPC are, from left, Morgan Whisenant, Lisa Hayworth, and Heather Clouston

"We're thrilled that RCC's staff association chose this way to observe the Week of the Young Child," Hayworth said. "Early literacy is critical to setting the foundation for later learning. We are so grateful for RCC's dedication and partnership in getting books into the hands of children in our community."

The Week of the Young Child® is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 52 Affiliates.

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About the Randolph Partnership for Children: Since 1999, the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC), a non-profit organization, has positively impacted the lives of Randolph County's young children. As the community's lead organization for young children and their families, RPC works with and through diverse agencies, individuals, organizations, and communities to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed in school and life. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.randolphkids.org.

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