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### RPC hosts appreciation event in lieu of gala

*Annual fundraiser moves back to spring*

**ASHEBORO, N.C. (April 29, 2022)** — Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC) hosted an appreciation event at Zimmerman Vineyards yesterday to thank and honor those who sponsored the nonprofit's past Gala for the Children events.

Invited were individuals and companies who sponsored at least one past gala event from 2009 through 2021. Most were dedicated repeat sponsors. In the spirit of Gala for the Children events, the reception was themed around a children's book, *Chicks and Salsa* by Aaron Reynolds. For invited guests who were unable to make it, RPC staff will make personal visits in the coming weeks to deliver the appreciation goody bag they would have received at the event.



*Lisa Hayworth (center) poses at the selfie station with board members Sharee Pemberton (left) and Debi Lagueruela*

Guests enjoyed food catered by The Table Farmhouse Bakery, wine selections from Zimmerman Vineyards, live music by Jack Gorham, a fire pit with s'mores, corn hole, and a selfie station. Board directors and staff members personally shared their appreciation for the support

sponsors have provided along with stories of impact sponsor support has already garnered.

The Zimmerman Vineyards event took the place of a 2022 Gala for the Children to enable RPC to move its signature fundraising event back to the spring. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 gala events were held in August.

"There were lots of great reasons our predecessors selected the spring season for the Partnership's annual fundraising event,"



*Local artist Jack Gorham performs original live music*

Executive Director Lisa Hayworth said. “Now that we’re coming out of the pandemic, we look forward to renewing the tradition of hosting our gala in closer proximity to the Week of the Young Child, Every Kid Healthy Week, and Child Abuse Awareness Month, all of which are observed in April.”

The final date has not yet been selected for the 2023 Gala for the Children. However, it will be held on a Saturday evening and updates can be found at [RandolphKids.org](http://RandolphKids.org)



*Guests pictured from left, back row: Dave Bryant, Judy Bryant, Gerry Cheek, Dr. Roma Cheek, Mike Keogh, Lonnie Keogh, Ann Pugh, Mac Pugh, Duffy Johnson; and from left, front row: Ann Hoover and Donna Johnson*

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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



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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](http://www.randolphkids.org).

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