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Art Explosion Showcases Art by Randolph County's Youngest Artists

ASHEBORO, N.C. (April 11, 2023) — The child care services team of the Randolph Partnership for Children is proud to announce the Art Explosion has returned. Art Explosion is an exciting community outreach event that transforms local libraries and downtown Asheboro businesses into a vibrant gallery of young children's artwork.

Week of the Young Child is an annual event hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The celebration focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families and including their educational development in the first 2000 days. It is a time for communities to come together and support young children and their families through activities and events that celebrate the early years.

For many years, RPC has organized this event to showcase the artwork of children from local child care centers and preschools. Art Explosion promotes the importance of early childhood education while celebrating the creativity and imagination of young children. Local libraries and downtown Asheboro businesses are decorated with colorful and imaginative artwork created by young children. This event provides a unique opportunity for families to appreciate the creativity of the community's youngest members.



RPC Staff posed with children's artwork during installation at OG's Sports Grill, pictured from left Kristy Umfleet, Sandy Johnson, Juana Allen, and Heather Semler.

“The Partnership for Children is honored to once again participate in the Art Explosion partnership with local libraries and downtown merchants,” Director of Early Care and Education Kristy Umfleet said. “We hope that these displays bring joy and pride to the community as we recognize and celebrate the capabilities and creativity of our youngest learners.”

This year's theme is Pete the Cat, complementing RPC's annual fundraiser, Gala for the Children, happening on April 29. The artwork will be on display through April 18, so don't miss your chance to see the creative and whimsical works while you can.

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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



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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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