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Sidewalk Chalk

OUR VISION

All Children in Randolph County enter kindergarten healthy & ready to succeed in school and life.

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"Children don't know how to ask for what they don't know they need. Their asking comes in the form of behavior."

-Bonnie Harris

Get Your Ticket Ready!



As we journey closer to the enchanting evening of the Gala for the Children 2024, set to unfold at the rustic Harvest House on April 20, we're filled with anticipation and immense gratitude. Our hearts are brimming with thanks for the overwhelming support we've received from our incredible sponsors and generous donors. Your commitment is the backbone of our success and the beacon of hope for the children of Randolph County.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Sponsors

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our sponsors, whose generosity lights the way for our mission. Your support is instrumental in ensuring that our Gala not only celebrates but also significantly contributes to the bright futures of our community's children.



Spotlight on Auction Donations

Our silent and live auctions are shaping up to be the highlight of the evening, thanks to the amazing businesses and individuals who have contributed so far. A shoutout to:

- Kaleideum
- North Carolina Zoo
- Auntie Belham's
- Kersey Valley

- North Carolina Renaissance Fair
- Summit Laser & Cosmetic Center
- Cecilia Bombrowski
- Queen Nails
- Bangkok Street Fair
- The Coffee Exchange
- Gallimore Automotive
- Picket Fence
- Caroline Gilmore
- Jaquie Reininger
- The North Carolina Arboretum
- Luxe Lash Studio
- Nascar Speed Park
- Wet N Wild Emerald Point
- Hoover Hatchet House
- Greensboro Grasshoppers
- White Water Center
- Carolina Hurricanes
- Ken Grady
- Bradford Portraits
- and more!

for their generous donations. Your gifts will surely spark spirited bidding and raise crucial funds for our cause.

Introducing the "Take A Chance on Children" Raffle

Get ready for an exciting opportunity to win big while supporting a great cause! Our "Take A Chance on Children" raffle features a spectacular gift basket filled with over \$200 worth of raffle tickets to various attractions and experiences. It's your chance to win amazing prizes and make a difference in the lives of Randolph County's children. Don't miss out—tickets will be available for purchase at the Gala!



Tickets Now On Sale!

We're thrilled to announce that tickets for the Gala for the Children 2024 are officially on sale! Secure your spot at this unforgettable evening for \$75 per single ticket or \$125 for two. Experience a night of elegance, entertainment by Luke, Rosemary, and Molly Skaggs, and the joy of giving back. Purchase your tickets today by clicking the button below.

As we count down to the big night, we're reminded of the power of our community coming together for a common goal. Your support, whether through sponsorship,

donations, or attending the Gala, is a testament to the collective spirit of giving and making a difference.

[Visit the Gala Website](#)

Basics Busy Bags are Coming to Archdale/Trinity Families



📌 Attention Families in Archdale/Trinity! 📌

Exciting news awaits! We're thrilled to announce that the Basics Busy Bags, packed with resources, activities, and helpful tips to support your child's early development, will soon be making their way to you towards the end of this month!

We're grateful to our dedicated community partners who will be instrumental in distributing these invaluable bags to families like yours. Their support underscores our shared commitment to nurturing the growth and learning of our youngest community members.

Stay tuned for more details on how to receive your Basics Busy Bag from our trusted community partners. Get ready to dive into the wonderful world of early childhood development and embark on a journey of exploration and discovery with your child!

Watch this space for updates, and let's continue to build a bright and promising future for our children together!

These principles are stepping stones into the wonderful interactions between child and caregiver that strengthen their bonds. For more information about The Basics Randolph, please click below. If you would like to learn how your organization can help support The Basics Randolph please email **Kim Radcliffe**.

[Visit The Basics Randolph Website](#)

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

MARCH 2024


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In 1987, President Reagan recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase “public awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans with developmental disabilities” and to provide the “encouragement and opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential.”

In the United States, developmental disabilities affect about one in six children. These conditions encompass a variety of impairments in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas. They typically emerge during the developmental period and can impact a child’s day-to-day functioning throughout their lifetime

[Read Full Blog](#)

Community Resource Spotlight: Children's Developmental Services Agency



CDSA

Have concerns about your infant /toddler's development?

Reach out the Children's Developmental Service Agency (CDSA) to see if you qualify for the Infant/Toddler Program:

- For children aged birth to three with certain levels of developmental delay or established conditions
- No family is denied services because of the inability to pay
- Offer's many services

As March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month, we wanted to highlight the go-to resource if you are worried about if your child is on track developmentally. The Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) is the lead agency for the Early Intervention Infant-Toddler Program. When it comes to developmental disabilities, early intervention is key to helping change a child's developmental path and improve their outcomes. The sooner it starts the better.

[Learn more about the North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program and the CDSA.](#)

We strive to connect our community members with vital resources. Remember to check out the Family Resource Guide on the Randolph Partnership for Children's website for more valuable information and support.

[Visit the online Family Resource Guide](#)

Early Educator Day Success



Building on the success of the inaugural event, Randolph County Partnership for Children (RPC) is excited about the return of Early Educator Day. This immersive experience, held on March 14, invited community leaders to step into the shoes of early childhood educators, offering a profound look at the essential work carried out in early education settings across Randolph County.

This year, the event has expanded to include a two-hour shadowing experience at various child care centers, allowing participants to dive deeper into the day-to-day challenges and triumphs of teaching young children. Following the shadowing, a debriefing luncheon provided a platform for reflection and discussion, where

participants also received a mock check representing the earnings for their time "on the job," highlighting the ongoing issue of under-compensation in the field.

[Read the Press Release](#)

Time is Running Out! Apply Now!

Susan Helsabeck



Scholarship for Early Educators

Attention Early Childhood Educators in Randolph County!

The clock is ticking on your chance to apply for the Susan Helsabeck Scholarship. With the application deadline quickly approaching, now is the time to seize this opportunity to further your education and honor the legacy of a remarkable advocate for early childhood education, Susan Helsabeck.

Deadline Alert: Applications must be submitted by April 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM. Don't let this opportunity slip away!

This scholarship offers two dedicated Early Educators in our community a financial boost of \$500 each, supporting your journey toward a degree in Early Childhood Education. It's more than a scholarship—it's a stepping stone towards enhancing the quality of education and care provided to our youngest citizens.

Are you eligible?

- Currently working as an Early Educator in Randolph County?
- Enrolled in a higher education institution aiming for a degree in Early Childhood Education?

If so, you are the ideal candidate for this scholarship. Take a moment to reflect on your educational goals and how this scholarship could help you achieve them. Remember, investing in your education is investing in the future of the children you teach.

Act Now: Don't miss your chance to be one of the two educators who will bring their educational aspirations to life with the help of the Susan Helsabeck

Scholarship. For application details or inquiries, please contact Scarlet Welborn at swelborn@randolphkids.org.

Let's honor Susan's belief in the transformative power of education for our early educators. Apply today and make a difference in your career and in the lives of the children you inspire.

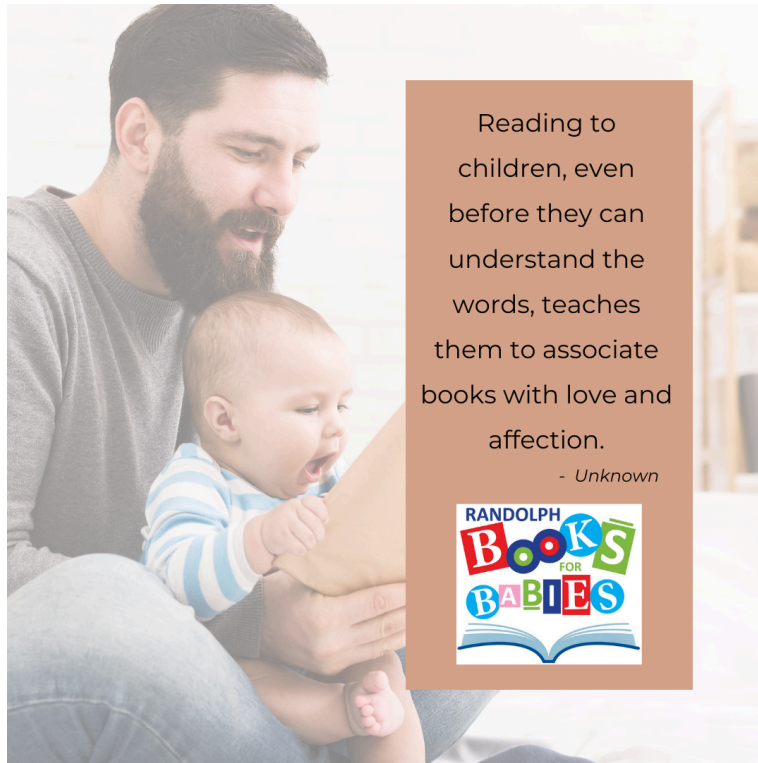
ECE Training Opportunities: April - June Training Calendar Now Available



Need training hours? The training calendar for April -June is now available! From gardening to tinker time, there's something for everyone!

[Visit the Training Calendar](#)

Books for Babies Fundraiser Success!



Thank You for Your Support! We're thrilled to announce that our Books for Babies fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to your generosity. Together, we raised **\$413** to provide essential resources for early literacy to newborns and their families in Randolph County. Your support truly makes a difference, and we couldn't have done it without you! Stay tuned for more updates on how we're transforming young lives through the love of books.

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Penciled In

- **April 8-12: Week of the Young Child**
- **Saturday, April 20, 12 PM: We Know We Can: Gala for the Children**
- **Tuesday, April 23, 8:15 AM: Board of Directors Meeting**
- **Thursday, April 25, 4 PM: ChAMPS Meeting**



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