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RANDOLPH PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN RAISES Over \$94,000 AT 2026 GALA FOR THE CHILDREN

Once Upon a Time in Randolph County Brings Community Together for Children Birth Through Five

Asheboro, N.C. (April 18, 2026) — Randolph Partnership for Children hosted its annual Gala for the Children on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Randolph County Agricultural Center Event Center in Asheboro. The event, themed *Once Upon a Time in Randolph County*, raised over \$94,000 in support of programs for children birth through five and their families in Randolph County.

The Gala for the Children is Randolph Partnership for Children's premier annual fundraiser and one of the community's most anticipated evenings of giving. This year's event drew more than 200 guests for an evening of catered dining by Black Powder Smokehouse, a silent and live auction featuring more than 80 items, games, and a Fund-A-Need benefiting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

"This community never ceases to amaze us," said Kim Radcliffe, Director of Marketing & Community Engagement for Randolph Partnership for Children. "Every year, Randolph County shows up in a big way for our children — and this year was no exception. We are deeply grateful for every person who joined us, bid generously, and invested in the future of our youngest community members."

This year's Fund-A-Need raised money specifically for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program that mails free, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five at no cost to families. Randolph Partnership for Children helps bring the program to families throughout Randolph County.

The 2026 Gala for the Children was chaired by Modern Woodmen of America. Presenting sponsors included Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation, Inc., Alpha Omega Financial, LLC, and Ann M. Hoover. Apple [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this

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Blossom Benefactors included Dorsett Consulting LLC, Mrs. Hope Haywood, Pam Hill — Clerk of Court,



David Smith and auctioneer Michael Parker face off in a round of Rock Paper Scissors.



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Proceeds from the Gala support Randolph Partnership for Children's programs focused on early childhood development, family support, and school readiness for children in Randolph County.

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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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