Randolph Partnership for Children



ANNUAL REPORT

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Letter from the Executive Director and Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we look back on this past year, we are filled with deep gratitude for the many partners, donors, and community members who collaborated with us in support of the Partnership's mission. Together, we have strengthened the foundation for our county's youngest learners, children from birth to age five, and supported the families, caregivers, and early educators who nurture them every day.

This year, we listened. Families told us they needed more than surviving — they wanted to thrive. That listening shaped everything we built this year, from new programming that meets families where they are, to adding staff dedicated fully to family support, to the inaugural Randolph START Academy. Ultimately, these milestones reflect not just numbers, but the smiles, discoveries, and growth of 9,000+ young children in Randolph County whose futures are brighter because of your support.

We know that when we invest in early childhood, we invest in our community's future. We thank you for knowing it, too. Every contribution — whether financial, volunteer time, advocacy, or partnership — helps ensure that all children in Randolph County can grow, learn, and succeed from the very start.

As we look ahead, we are proud to launch both Thrive by Five, Randolph County's early childhood campaign, and the Randolph County Childcare Landscape Study — a comprehensive effort to understand our childcare system and build a plan for what comes next. With your continued partnership, we will keep working to close opportunity gaps, strengthen early childhood programs, and champion the importance of the earliest years in shaping lifelong success.

Thank you for believing in the mission of the Randolph Partnership for Children and for standing with us in this essential work. Together, we are building stronger beginnings and brighter futures for children, families, and our entire community.

With gratitude,



LISA HAYWORTH
Executive Director



CJ MACON
Chair, Board of Directors

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VISION AND MISSION



VISION

We believe children are our future, and the community is an essential part of their path to success.

MISSION

To ensure strong families with healthy, well-prepared children by galvanizing our community to advocate for and invest in their future.



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COMMUNITY

Adventures on the Go!

10
Destinations visited

81
Families served



Randolph START

"Hiring someone from **Randolph START** was exciting and rewarding. It was great to already have someone who has what they need to be successful. A major benefit was that they were prepared with the childcare rules and already knew what they were getting into. I wish it were a continuous program where you could continually enroll the next person. It was so much better than trying to find someone on Facebook or Indeed."

— Princess Whitaker, Owner and Director, Mind Masters Enrichment

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Early Educators Completed the Inaugural Academy

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

1,190
children enrolled during Smart Start Enrollment Freeze

From February 2025 to May 2026, new enrollment in the state-funded Dolly Parton's Imagination Library account was paused due to a loss of funding. The Randolph Partnership for Children responded by reopening their private-pay account, allowing 1,190 children to enroll and continue receiving books during that period. State funding was subsequently restored and the state-funded enrollment account reopened.



IMPACT

Family and Community Survey

82%
of respondents placed afforable childcare as their #1 concern

When we asked Randolph County families what they see as the biggest problem facing families right now, the answer was clear: childcare that costs too much, named by more than 8 in 10 families surveyed. That number is not a surprise to us. It is a confirmation. And it is exactly why the Randolph Partnership for Children is launching the Randolph County Childcare Landscape Study — to understand our childcare system from the ground up, and to build a plan for what comes next.

Family Support Specialist - Jenny Halliburton

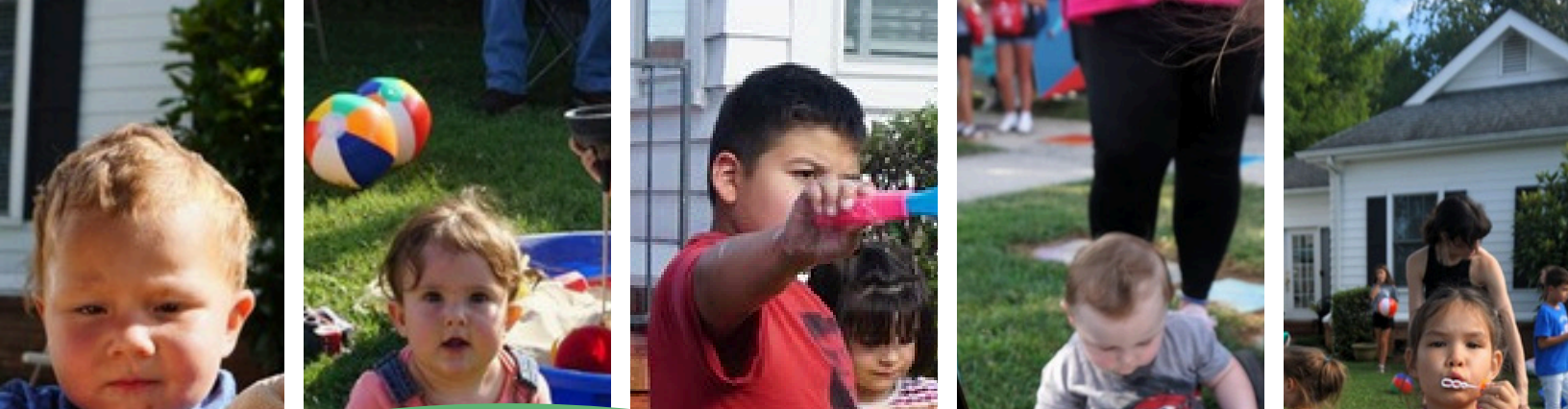
Families don't always know where to turn, and navigating systems of support can feel overwhelming when you're already stretched thin. This year, the Randolph Partnership added a Family Support Specialist: a steady, knowledgeable guide who walks alongside families, connects them to the assistance they need, and stays with them on the journey. This position was made possible by what this community raised at the Gala for the Children. Your generosity that evening created a real role, serving real families, right now.



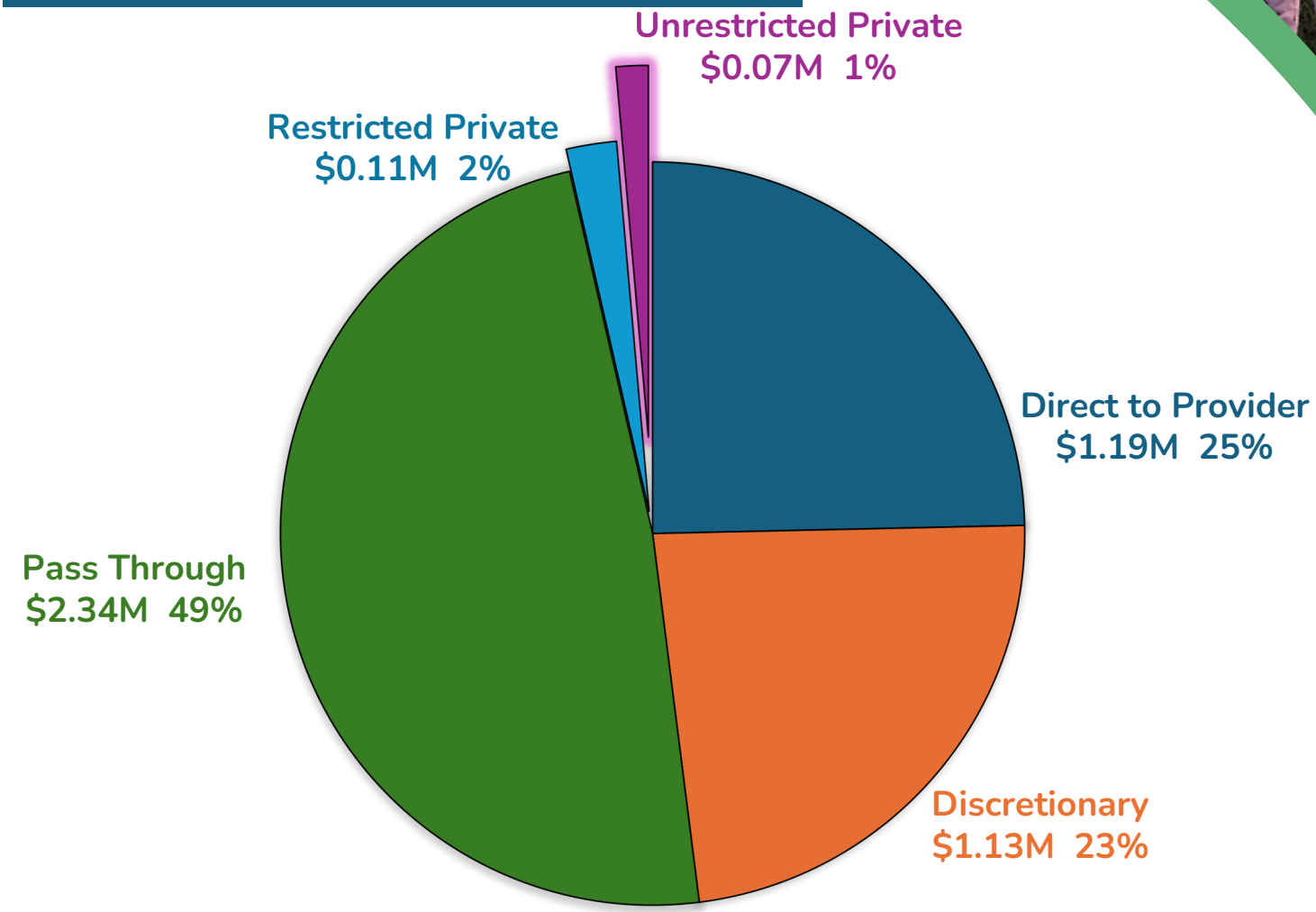
Gala for the Children 2026

Over $94,000 Raised

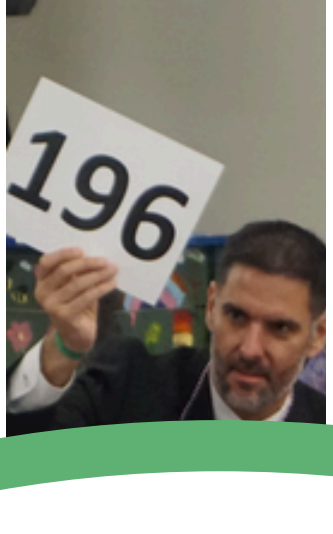




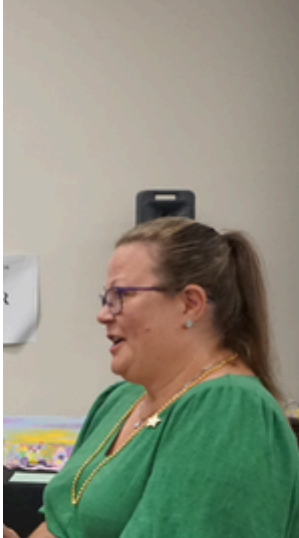
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Take Away:
Randolph Partnership's FY26 Total Economic Impact on Randolph County -$4.85 M





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