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OUR MISSION

To serve as a leading advocate and financial resource, in collaboration with other community agencies, to provide affordable access to high quality services for young children.

OUR VISION

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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PFCLG RAN FOR THE MONEY '09

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, the Partnership for Children participated in the seventh annual Run for the Money fundraiser sponsored by the Community Foundation of Gaston County for nonprofits.

More than 900 runners took part in the 5K run including the Partnership's Executive Director, Steve Eaton who ran a great race! The day also included a 2K walk, a family fun zone, a karaoke contest and a large number of booths staffed by participating agencies.

The Partnership for Children enjoyed meeting children and parents who stopped by our booth to learn about our programs. The kids loved our art stamping area. Bridgit ODaly of Dallas was the lucky winner of our raffle for four complimentary tickets to the opening night of the Gastonia Grizzlies!

The amount of support we have received from the community has been overwhelming and we were thankful to be included in this fundraiser. The amount raised will be announced in May.



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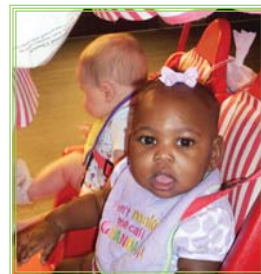
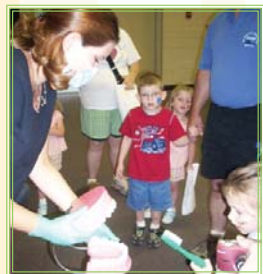
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GASTON COLLEGE IN DALLAS HOLDS "MARCH OF THE CHILDREN"

The Dallas Campus of Gaston College celebrated the Week of the Young Child, April 19-25, 2009, by holding a "March of the Children." Child care providers, children and parents visited the booths who serve and support them. The local Sheriff's department and fire department were represented, as were Dr. Connor's Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, the South Gaston Family YMCA, and the Educators of Tomorrow Student Club at Gaston College. Children marched around the college campus to celebrate the week-long event which had a theme of Bringing Communities Together for Children-Children Bring Communities Together. The Week of the Young Child is an annual event sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the world's largest early childhood education association. This was Gaston College's first celebration of the week. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of families and young children and to plan to better meet their needs.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PFCLG'S REBECCA POWELL

Congratulations to Rebecca Powell, the Partnership for Children's Parent Information Assistant who recently received two awards:

- The Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse-Volunteer of the Year Award
- The Early Childhood Professionals of Gaston/Lincoln Counties Service Award



RESOURCE FAIR FOR AWARENESS

Cristina Lozano, Bilingual Parent Information Assistant for the Partnership for Children participated in the Resource Fair in Lincolnton on April 24, 2009 to help raise awareness of community resources for the Latino community. Some of the agencies in attendance were: the Multicultural Center of Hope, Community Health Partners, the Hickory Fire Department, the Children's Advocacy Network and AVID Family Services, Inc.



TEACHER APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Early Childhood Professionals of Gaston/Lincoln Counties held their 14th annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet at City Café in Mount Holly on April 16, 2009. Twenty child care centers and homes were represented along with the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties, and More at Four Gaston. The banquet recognized those who work in child care. Some of the awards handed out included: the Caring Award, the Achievement Award, the Pioneer Award, the Thanks Award, the Storybook Award and the Service Award. A special award was given to June Galloway in honor of her retirement this July, from The Gaston College Child Development Center.



Officers were inducted for the 2009-2010 by outgoing President Joyce Brison. They include: Lisa Ellis, President, Michelle Lewis, Vice-President, Rebecca Powell, Secretary, Audrey Hunt, Treasurer, Janice Kiser, Conference Chair.

PBIS BRONZE AWARD

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties is excited to announce it has received the PBIS (Performance-Based Incentive System) Bronze Award and a check for \$1000 from AT&T! The North Carolina Partnership for Children has been providing PBIS Awards to local partnerships since FY03-04. There are three award categories, Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Bronze award shows that a Partnership has sustained the minimum standard for mandatory health, early care, and education for the last three years.

Bronze award criteria also includes:

- No audit findings in the most recent audit
- Meeting the minimum standard for each of the two mandatory criteria in Health and the two mandatory criteria in Early Care and Education Placements in each of the past three years- FY05-06, FY06-07, and FY07-08
- Meeting the minimum standard for their selected PBIS Family Support Criterion in FY07-08



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