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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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## Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties Family Spooktacular a success

The rain did not keep families away from the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties Family Spooktacular on Saturday, October 31, 2009. The WoodMill Festival Grounds in Vale had an overflow of roughly 1000 people who came to enjoy the day's festivities, which included trunk or treat, a costume parade, a silent auction and an ambulance, fire truck and smokehouse for children to learn about. Costumes ranged from a family dressed from characters from the Wizard of Oz to Scooby Doo, pumpkins, and pirates.

Thank you to our sponsors that helped make our event a success! They are: Graphic Production Center in Charlotte; The WoodMill Winery in Vale; Citizens South in Gastonia; Atlantic Coast Marketing in Gastonia; The Country Kitchen in Dallas; Group Benefit Solutions in Davidson; Kaplan Early Learning Company in Lewisville; Rhyne Financial in Lincolnton; Truliant Federal Credit Union in McAdenville; and Watson Insurance in Gastonia and Lincolnton.



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## COTTON GINNING DAYS 2009

### “Smart Investing: Communities Thrive When Children Thrive”

A delegation from Lincoln and Gaston Counties will participate in a new public engagement initiative titled “Smart Investing: Communities Thrive When Children Thrive” that begins in January 2010 to establish what North Carolina communities want for their youngest children and the future of the state.

“Smart Investing” will bring together a diverse mix of citizens to begin a new dialogue about early education and children’s health in North Carolina. Funded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and with participation from Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton, this initiative is sponsored by the North Carolina Partnership for Children and facilitated by The Lee Institute of Charlotte. Smart Start’s 77 partnerships will leverage their networks to assemble local parents, business leaders, health care providers, education professionals and policy makers representing every county in the state.

“I know times are tough but it’s critical that we invest in our children because they are the future of this state,” said Dalton. “This initiative represents a wonderful opportunity to get North Carolina citizens more engaged and involved in issues affecting young children and to strengthen our communities at the same time.”

The Lincoln and Gaston County delegation will meet with groups from other nearby counties on January 14 at the Dilworth United Methodist Church in Charlotte. In March 2010, the same community team will attend a larger summit in Asheville, one of three scheduled across the state.

Members of the delegation are Steve Eaton, Nancy Pittman, Joseph Dixon, Adrian Miller, Dr. Sherry Hoyle, Martha Burris, Robert Haire, Erma Deen Hoyle, Seth Bailey and Crystal Gettys.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF THE NINTENDO Wii!

Sherri Heffner, Contracts Assistant presents

**Dawn Freeman**  
with the Nintendo Wii!



## INTERNATIONAL DAY 2009



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