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Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide 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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News and Info about Smart Start in Lincoln & Gaston Counties



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PFCLG Family Spooktacular a success

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties fourth annual Family Spooktacular was held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 and had an attendance of approximately 1,300 people. Patrons came to enjoy the day's festivities at the WoodMill Festival Grounds in Vale, which included trunk or treat, face painting, a fitness trail and an ambulance, fire truck and Inmate Transport Van for children to learn about. The event was geared toward families with young children and helped raise awareness of the Partnership's services. Parents were able to learn more about the different Smart Start funded projects which include the Adolescent Parenting Program in Lincoln County and the Very Important Parents Program in Gaston County. "The fourth annual Family Spooktacular was a huge success and we are thrilled with the amount of support that we received from the community," said Mike Linker, Executive Director of the Partnership. "It was great to see all the smiles on the faces of the children and family members who came out to enjoy the day." Various activities returned this year including the Tumblebus and Seamore, a fun-tastic inflatable provided by Twist and Tuck in Lincolnton. New activities included a live reptile exhibit from the Schiele Museum and a "Field Hospital" for bandaging fake injuries. Children also enjoyed the fitness trail with a treat of fresh fruit at the end! A free hotdog lunch was provided again this year.



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We would like to thank our Sponsors that helped make our event a success!

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Winter book recommendations

The Ant and the Grasshopper by Amy Lowry Poole

Bear has a Story to Tell by Philip Christian Stead

Bugs and Bugsicles: Insects in the Winter by Amy S. Hansen

Chaucer's First Winter by Stephen Krensky

Duck at the Door by Jackie Urbanovic

A Kitten Tale by Eric Rohmann

Knitty Kitty by David Elliott

Making a Friend by Alison McGhee

The Missing Mitten Mystery by Steven Kellogg

Old Bear by Kevin Henkes

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

No Two Alike by Keith Baker

Perfect Snow by Barbara Reid

Red Sled by Patricia Thomas

Snow Happy! by Patricia Hubbell

Too Much Snow! by Layne DeMarin

Trudy by Henry Cole



Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays are a time for gift giving. When you are shopping for toys, make sure you are getting a safe product. When shopping, read labels. Make sure the toy is well-made. Follow the safety and age information on the warning labels. Inspect all toys for potential hazards, especially small pieces that could be choking hazards. You should always supervise children when they play and set good examples of safe play.

Store toys in a safe place. Make sure toy chests have no lids or safety hinges. Keep riding toys away from stairs, traffic or swimming pools. Riding toy-related deaths can occur when a child falls from a toy or rides a toy into a body of water.

Need information on product recalls? Visit Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

SAVE THE DATE:

Run for the Money 2013
 Run for the Money 11 will be held
 Saturday, April 20, 2013



First 2000 Days" Promotion Winners

A recent promotion to engage candidates and representatives on why early care and learning is important was held at the Partnership for Children. A 2000 Days postcard, which was provided by the North Carolina Partnership for Children was distributed to each family served at local child care centers and homes in Lincoln and Gaston Counties. Parents were encouraged to answer the question, "Early childhood programs are important to my family because..." and provide contact information located on the reverse side of the postcard. Postcards will be used to help communicate/educate our policymakers in Raleigh regarding the value of early childhood education. The postcards emphasize the significance of the 2000 days between birth and the first day of kindergarten. A drawing was held at the Partnership to help encourage and thank centers/homes for their assistance.

Sylvia Corry, Family Child Care Provider at Kids 'R' Home Child Development in Mount Holly was the winner of a \$50 gift card. She is excited to use the money towards gifts for her day care kids.

Diane Rippy, Director at Carolina Kids Club in Gastonia was the winner of a \$200 gift card. She will purchase teacher supplies.

Lisa Austin, Director at First Baptist Day Care Center in Stanley won a \$100 gift card which she plans to use on multicultural books and books on children with special needs.

Sonjia Lee, Director at All About Me Learning Center, LLC #1 in Belmont won a \$50 gift card. She will also buy supplies for the classroom.

The Partnership would like to thank all the centers/homes in Gaston and Lincoln Counties who participated in this promotion.



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