



Tom Efird Receives Tull Award for Service to Young Children

Partnership Board Member Tom Efird has been chosen as the 2003 recipient of the Robert E. Tull Award.

Established in 2002 to honor then-retiring Board of Directors chairman Bob Tull, the award honors a board member each year who demonstrates outstanding service to the Partnership and dedication to improving the lives of young children in Lincoln and Gaston.

Efird was chosen as the first recipient of the award.

"Tom Efird's wisdom and leadership has been of great benefit to the Partnership in the past six years," said Past

Chair Barbara Voorhees, who presented Efird with the award. "He has been faithful in his attendance and participation. As both a board member and as chairman of the Bidding and Allocations Committee, he has brought good judgment and integrity to decisions."

Efird, a Gastonia native, is president of Standard Distributors, Inc.

Deeply involved in the community, his many civic activities include serving as



Tom Efird, center, is presented the Robert E. Tull Award by Bob Tull, left, and Barbara Voorhees.

director of the Community Foundation and the First Gaston Foundation, and as past chairman of the boards of Belmont Abbey College and Gaston College, among other organizations.

Charter Board Member Marvin Retires

One of the charter board members for the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties retired from the board June 20, after serving more than six years.

Helen Marvin, a former North Carolina state senator, ended her second term on the Partnership's Board of Directors this year.

Marvin served on the Nominating and Program committees during her time on the board.

Marvin was instrumental in bringing Smart Start funding to Lincoln and Gaston counties, and was involved with the original work when planning funds were awarded to start a two-county Partnership for Lincoln and Gaston counties in 1997.

Marvin was given a commemorative keepsake at the June meeting of the Board of Directors as a token of thanks for her years of dedication to better the lives of young children, families and teachers in North Carolina.



Helen Marvin addresses the Board after being recognized upon her retirement.

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Fair Gives Useful Information to Providers

The Partnership for organizations that offer services to teachers of young children, including Child Care Information, Development Together, the Association for Early Childhood Professionals, the NC Dept. of Child Development facility licensing, Kaplan Early Learning Co., Lakeshore Learning Materials, Partnership, its programs Brame School Products and ABC School Supply/Childcraft.

Approximately 400 people attended the event.

The fair was designed to make information available to providers about the Partnership, its programs for teachers of young children, and services offered by area organizations that support young children and teachers.

Nearly 25 booths were set up at the event, and the attendees were able to visit each one, get information, ask questions and interact with someone from the organization.

Booths were set up by

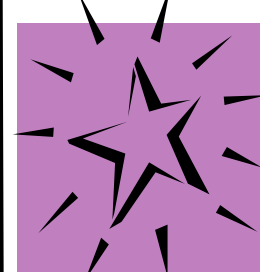


Partnership Technical Assistant Angela Williamson told child care teachers and providers about the Very Important Parents program at the Early Childhood Education Fair June 26.

Teachers participating in the Individual Professional Development Plan or Salary Supplement program through the Partnership were also able to renew their applications while at the event.

Programs on-site that help children and families directly included Very Im-

portant Parents, Adolescent Parenting Program and Bringing Life Into Focus. Teachers and child care providers were able to visit these booths and learn



Super**STARS**

The following child care centers or homes in Gaston and Lincoln counties have recently increased their STAR ratings:

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Children of Excellence Christian Child Care, Gastonia; First Baptist Children's Ministry, Lincoln; Oaklawn Head Start, Lincoln; Robin's Nest Child Care, Gastonia; Sonbeam Child Care Center, Bessemer City

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Aida's Day Care, Dallas; Generation's Hope Home Child Care, Gastonia; The Grace School Child Development Center, Stanley; Josie's Day Care Home, Gastonia; Luv and Kare Daycare, Gastonia; Playtime Day Care, Belmont; Rosemary's Day of Care, Gastonia; Sandy Anderson's Day Care, Stanley

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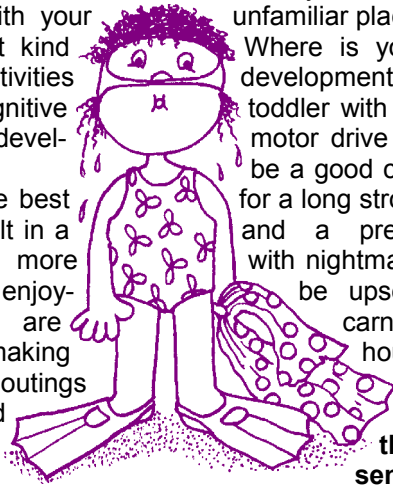
To learn more about earning higher star ratings for your child care center or family child care home, call the Partnership at (704) 922-0900 or (704) 736-9008.

JUST FOR PARENTS

Make Your Summertime Outing a Blast for Your Children

Summertime is one of the best times for an educational outing with your child. The right kind of summer activities can prompt cognitive and language development.

But even the best plans may result in a day filled with more frustration than enjoyment. Here are some tips for making your summer outings fun for you and your child:



Many factors impact your child's ability to cope in an unfamiliar place.

Where is your child developmentally? A toddler with a strong motor drive may not be a good candidate for a long stroller ride, and a preschooler with nightmares may be upset by a carnival fun house.

Pack the essentials.

Always bring water for

your family. Your child may also need a break during

the outing, so bring along nutritional snacks and a favorite toy. This will help ease the transition to a new place with new sights, sounds and people.

Safety first!

Never underestimate the power of the sun — protect your child with sunscreen, hats and cover-ups. Also bring along a small first aid kit with antiseptic wipes, bandages and antibiotic cream.

Bring emergency phone numbers along for easy ac-

cess if you have to use them.

Other tips

- When planning an outing, consider activities from your child's perspective.
- Keep the routine as constant as possible — respect naptimes and feeding times.
- Take the hurry out of outings. Slow down the pace so both you and your child will enjoy the day.

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Know your child's limits.

Free Parent Resource Guide Available From North Carolina Partnership

The North Carolina Partnership for Children offers a Parent Resource Guide that can help parents know what to expect in their child's development from birth through age 5.

The guide offers tips and information on everything from what to expect at your baby's first check-up to what activities to do with your child at certain ages to help them learn to speak better and develop better physical coordination. There are pointers on good nutrition at every age and ideas for how to stop temper tantrums and set boundaries for your child for their safety. The guide is available in English or Spanish. To receive one free copy, call 1-800-367-2229.

Parent Info Page Added to Web Site

Parents searching for child care now have a new way to make use of the Partnership's Parent Information service.

A page has been added to the Partnership's Web site that will allow parents and guardians to e-mail the Parent Information Assistant, Rebecca Powell, or (704) 736-9008. To access the page, go to the Partnership's Web site, www.pfcg.com, and click "Parent Information" in the menu at the left, which will take you to the new page. Rebecca Powell may be reached at (704) 922-0900.

Children... a wise investment.

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties is working every day to make a difference in the lives of local children. Your support makes that difference possible. If you want to invest in the future of children in Lincoln and Gaston counties, please volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation.

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- August 15 — Partnership Board of Directors meeting, noon, Partnership office
- September 19 — Partnership Board of Directors meeting, noon, Partnership office

Members of the community are invited to attend any board meeting. Please call ahead at (704) 922-0900 or (704) 736-9008.

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