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OUR MISSION

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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SPOOKTACULAR 2011 A SUCCESS!

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties third annual Family Spooktacular was held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 and had an overflow of over 2,000 people. Patrons came to enjoy the day's festivities at the WoodMill Festival Grounds in Vale, which included trunk or treat, a cupcake walk, a costume parade, face painting, a silent auction and an ambulance, fire truck and Sheriff's car for children to learn about. There was also a petting zoo with a camel, tortoise and pony rides. The fundraiser was geared toward families with young children and helped raise awareness of the Partnership for Children's funded projects. 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. Various activities returned this year including the Tumblebus and Seamore, a fun-tastic inflatable provided by Twist and Tuck in Lincoln County. Children also enjoyed the fitness trail with a treat of fresh fruit at the end! A free hotdog lunch was provided again this year and over 2,000 hotdogs were served.

Please save the date for next year's Family Spooktacular Saturday, October 27, 2012.

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Thank you to our Financial Sponsors for this year's Spooktacular:

Carolina Federal Credit Union in Cherryville, NC; Carolina Specialty Transport in Gastonia, NC; Citizens South Bank in Dallas, NC; Dr. W. David White, D.D.S., P.A. in Gastonia, NC; Individualized Computer Solution in Gastonia, NC; Lincoln County Parks and Recreation in Lincolnton, NC; McAlister OB/GYN Associates in Lincolnton, NC; Northstar Seafood Restaurant in Dallas, NC; Pediatric Medical Associates in Lincolnton, NC; Rhyne Financial in Lincolnton, NC; Rochling Engineering Plastics in Dallas, NC; Sentry Drug Center in Lincolnton, NC; The Mr. Music Man Company in Gastonia, NC; The Timken Company in Iron Station, NC; Truliant Federal Credit Union in McAdenville, NC; Unique Transportation, Inc. in Vale, NC; Walgreens in Gastonia, NC; and Watson Insurance in Gastonia, NC.
A special thank you to the WoodMill Winery for another successful Spooktacular!



Have you read to your child today?

Early literacy starts at birth. Parents should begin reading to their child in order to prepare them for later success in life. Reading will help children with speech skills and brain development. It will also create a bonding experience with the child. Based on the research by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), reading is the single most important skill necessary for a happy, productive and successful life. A child that is an excellent reader is a confident child! Diane Hines, Early Childhood Education Director with the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties agrees that early literacy helps shape the brain. "Books allow people who never leave their home, to experience the richness of worlds far across the oceans," she said. "Without reading, we would feel isolated and alone. Children need to travel to places far away to understand their place in the universe."

Your local library is a great resource for your child. Consider the Gaston-Lincoln Regional library. In addition to finding great books there are also several programs available for children, including Preschool Story Times and Toddler Times. For a complete listing of Story Times at the Gaston-Lincoln Library visit, <http://www.glr.lib.nc.us>. Mercede Walker, Children's Services Supervisor said it is important to have a special time or place to share books with your children. "Make reading important to your family and you can do that by reading to them daily," she said.



Winter book recommendations

- The Three Snowbears
by Jan Brett
- Cold Paws, Warm Heart
by Madeleine Floyd
- Bear Snores On
by Karma Wilson
- Let's Look at Winter
by Sarah Schuette
- Frozen Noses
by Jan Carr
- Stranger in the Woods
by Carl R. Sams II
and Jean Stoick

SAVE THE DATES:

Run for the Money 2012

The Partnership for Children is participating in Run for the Money 10. Date is Saturday, April 21, 2012. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Gaston County for nonprofits and consists of a run/walk and a chance for donors to give to our cause! The Community Foundation will start accepting donations on February 13, 2012 through April 27, 2012. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available!



Midwinter Conference

Saturday, February 25, 2012 • 7:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.
at Gaston College

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