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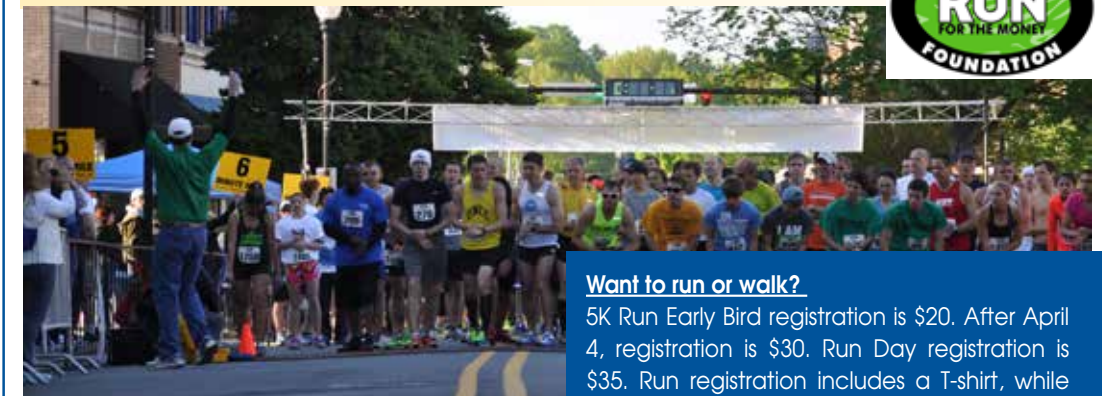


Spring 2014

PARTNERSHIP PRESS



RUN FOR THE MONEY 2014 - COME SUPPORT PFCLG!



Want to run or walk?

5K Run Early Bird registration is \$20. After April 4, registration is \$30. Run Day registration is \$35. Run registration includes a T-shirt, while supplies last. 2K Walk Early Bird registration is \$10. After April 4, registration is \$15. Run Day registration is \$20. You will also receive a T-shirt with this, while supplies last.

Want to make a donation?

Make your donation online at <http://www.cfgaston.org/runforthemoney> or make check, cashier check or money order payable to the Community Foundation of Gaston County with a Donor form. No cash, please.

The Partnership will have a booth on Run Day! Come and see us!

The Partnership for Children is participating in Run for the Money 12. Date is Saturday, April 12, 2014. 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 be accepting donations through April 18, 2014.

This year's Run money will be used for Smart Start's Reach Out and Read Project, which will provide parents with resources, assistance and encouragement to assure early literacy opportunities for their children.

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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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Receive our newsletter twice a year by US Mail. If you want to receive our newsletter, please contact:

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10% of proceeds go to PFCLG!

Family Share Night

Help raise money for PFCLG by simply enjoying delicious Bojangles chicken! Join us at the Dallas Location (1017 Dallas Cherryville Hwy.)

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 • 5:00-8:00 PM

It's springtime. Time to plant a garden!

Lori Bridges, a teacher with a three year old classroom at New Hope Child Development Center in Gastonia is preparing for this year's garden which has been in place for four years. The garden consists of tomatoes, corn, cabbage, onions, green peppers, broccoli, beans, carrots and cucumber. Each year they try to do something new. Last year was squash and this year they may add pumpkins so the garden can be enjoyed in the Autumn. The 185 children enrolled at the center love watching the seeds grow in the garden. They also enjoy having the corn at snack time. "We've always wanted to plant seeds and wanted the children to see the seeds sprout, watch it grow and see what happens," Bridges said. The children don't mind getting dirty. They enjoy helping to plant and water. Sometimes they even get to take home the vegetables to their families. There is also a rose bush and marigolds, which are planted around the vegetables to help with bugs and insects. Bridges said the garden teaches the children a lesson on gardening. "If they learn how to do it now they will know it forever," she said. Some days the children walk out to the garden in the mornings to see the progress overnight. She said they get very excited.

Want to start a garden for your children? Here are some benefits:

- It's a pathway for better health right outside your door. Children are learning to eat fruit and vegetables early! This is a step towards healthy eating.
- It's therapeutic. Gardening can help relax children when they work in the soil.
- It's a fact- To eat something you produce is a worthwhile and meaningful thing.
- Gardening teaches a child garden etiquette, such as where to walk on the soil. Later they can learn the consequences of good or poor care of watering, weeding and cultivating.



Autumn Book Recommendations

Spring: Signs of the season around North America
By Valerie J. Gerard

Crafts to make in the spring
By Kathy Ross

Spring things
By Bob Raczka

Hurray for spring!
By Patricia Hubbell

It's Spring!
By Linda Glaser

Spring is here!
By Will Hillenbrand

And then it's spring
By Julie Fogliano

Wake up, it's spring!
By Lisa Campbell Ernst

When will it be spring?
By Catherine Walters

In my backyard
By Don Curry

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SEPT. 20, 2014 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Come visit our Booth in the Kid's Orchard!

Have your children screened EARLY and regularly!

In Gaston and Lincoln counties the Assuring Better Child Health & Development (ABCD) Program advocates for children birth-five years old to receive developmental and behavioral screenings at their well child check-ups. The ABCD Program operates with a Smart Start grant from the Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties. Kathy Hudson, ABCD Coordinator for Gaston/Lincoln counties, works with pediatric and family practices in the Community Health Partners network educating them on the use of proper developmental and behavioral screening tools and processes.



According to Hudson, "All children need to be screened, early and regularly," she said. "Some of our young children may have a disability, a developmental delay or may be at risk for these. You can't always look at a child and just assume they are developing normally without asking their primary care givers (parents) a few questions about their developmental progress." One developmental screening tool is called the ASQ3, (Ages & Stages Questionnaire, 3rd Edition). This is a parent/primary care giver completed questionnaire. If you are not asked to complete one find out why it is not being offered. For children receiving N.C. Medicaid, it is a mandatory component of the well child exam.

Recently twenty-five ASQ3 Starter Kits were purchased for family practices in the Community Health Partners (CHP) network that have not updated to the new version. When a possible delay is identified from the screening, Hudson instructs medical practices to make referrals immediately. Children ages birth up to age 3 are referred to the Children's Developmental Services Agency. Children ages 3-5 years are referred to the Preschool Exceptional Children's Program of the county school system in the child's county of residence. Children will be evaluated to see if they qualify for early intervention services.

There is also screening for Autism. The Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT), which is also a N.C. Medicaid required screening at the 18 and 24 month well child visit. For more information contact Kathy Hudson at 704-874-1932 or by email at khudson@gfhs.info.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to these Family Child Care Homes who maintained their 5 stars in our Quality Sustainability Program:

- Woods World Family Child Care in Gastonia
- Ms. Brenda's Child Care Services in Gastonia
- Brown's Little Shepherds in Kings Mountain

Congratulations to Tosha's Tiny Tots in Gastonia who moved from a 1 star to a 4 star