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# RAINBOW NEWS

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## INTERNATIONAL PAPER KEEPS CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER

**DECEMBER 2021**

International Paper will keep 108 children in our community warm this winter! Working with Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater, IP gave a donation of coats that will reach through the Children's Center and the community to provide warm, beautiful coats to children! What a wonderful way to work together and provide the needs for children and their families. We count our blessings for the Community Partners that work hard together. This is how we all make a difference TOGETHER! And not only that, we get to be silly sometimes too! Thanks International Paper for caring for our community!



# In the Classroom

## CHILDREN ENJOYING AMAZON DONATIONS

From new developmental toys to arts and crafts, the Amazon donations have been rolling in! Teachers appreciate each donation from their classroom wish list! Pictured to the right are infants at our Texie Camp Marks center playing with new toys. Above is a photo of children at our Courtland center enjoying their new water doodle mat! Thank you to everyone who has donated an item!



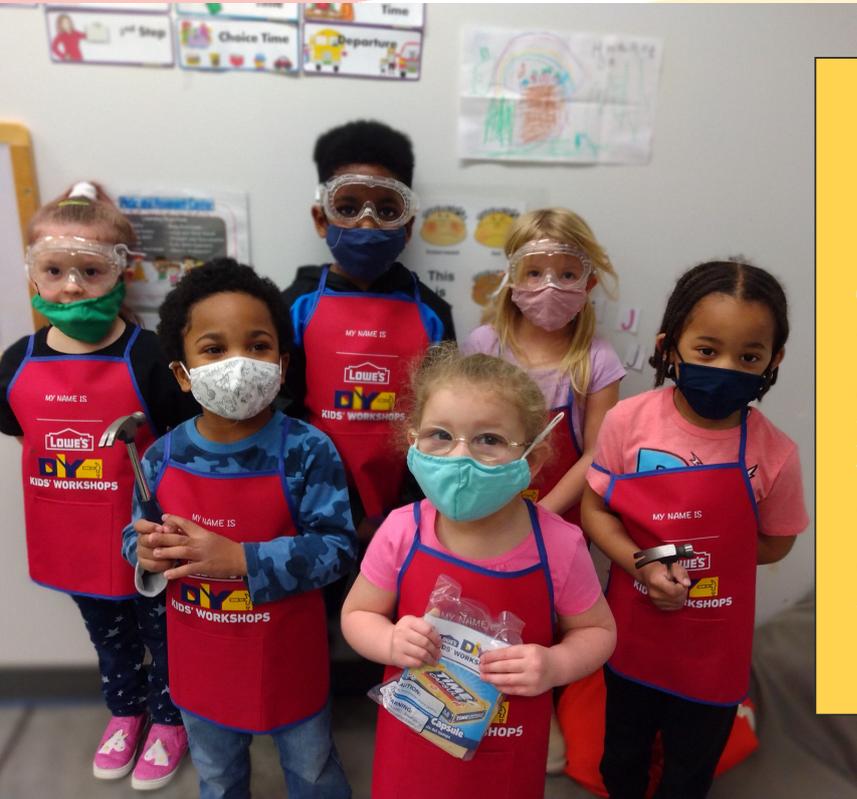
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## CHILDREN EXPERIMENTING WITH X-RAYS

Children at our Barbara S. Mease Center at the Jones House enjoyed experimenting with the light boards and talking about the X-ray images of animal skeletons!

# In the Classroom



## LOWES DONATES TO PRE-K IN FRANKLIN

Thank you to Franklin Lowes Home Improvement store for donating kid aprons, kid hammers, kid safety glasses and a box of wood working kits to our Franklin Pre-K class at our Texie Camp Marks Center! We can't wait to build and create!

## IN MEMORY OF DILLON JOYNER

Roland and Brenda Joyner donated items from our Amazon Teacher Wish List in memory of their son, Dillon. The children are enjoying their new classroom materials! Thank you for this thoughtful and meaningful donation!



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# STREAMIN3 FUN IN CLASSROOMS CONTINUES

**FEBRUARY 2022**

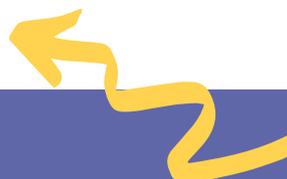
Over the past three months, our STREAMin3 classrooms in Smithfield have been enjoying fun activities! From building with boxes to exploring with musical instruments, the teachers have ignited the children's curiosity! They invited children to explore the empty boxes and structures while narrating their actions. Teachers also encouraged children to make predictions. With musical instruments, children searched for the similarities and differences while learning to communicate during their findings. This project is funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation. Thank you to the Foundation for supporting us in promoting play and learning!



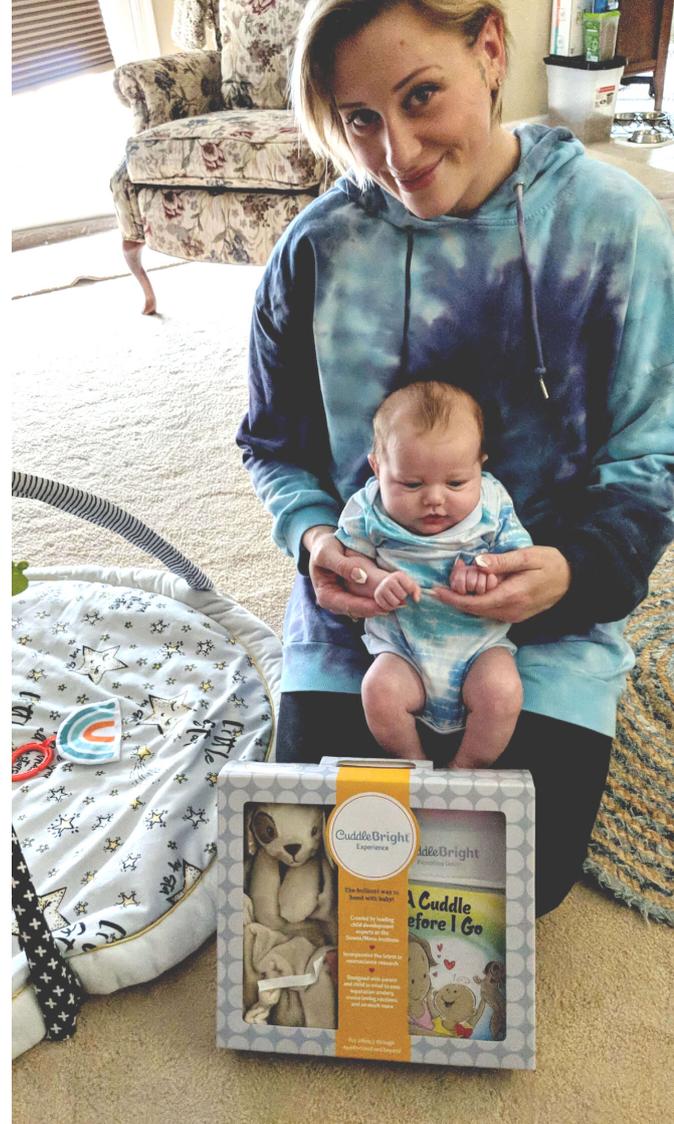
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# IP GRANT FUNDS LITERACY KITS

**JANUARY 2022**

A big thank you to International Paper Foundation for supporting both the Children’s Center and Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater with grants for literacy. The Children’s Center’s grant focuses on resources for our Early Head Start Home-Based Program with kits to encourage and support literacy for children. The CuddleBright Experience kits will be given to every new family that enrolls in our Home-Based program. These kits include a cuddle buddy stuffed animal, a keepsake to use during transitions, a book which promotes building positive relationships between children and parents, and a guide with parenting tips. Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater received a grant to support technology and equipment supporting literacy with families in the community. We love Community Partnerships and generosity working together to support the children of the community! Thanks IP!

Pictured: The literacy kits (top left) that we will be delivering to home-based families. A family receives a kit. (Top right)

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## In Memory

### **Angels**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Nancy Brock**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Hannah Bryant**

Glenn & Lynda Updike

### **H.B. Bryant, Jr.**

Anne Bryant

David & Mary Lou Bryant

Wyley & Ann Bryant

Wade & Angela Bryant

Steve & Kelli Gillette

Alex & Kaylynn Gillette

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bryant**

Anne Bryant

David & Mary Lou Bryant

Wyley & Ann Bryant

Wade & Angela Bryant

Steve & Kelli Gillette

Alex & Kaylynn Gillette

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Roy Bryant**

Anne Bryant

### **David & Mary Lou Bryant**

Wyley & Ann Bryant

Wade & Angela Bryant

Steve & Kelli Gillette

Alex & Kaylynn Gillette

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Carter Stephenson's 30th Birthday**

T. Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

### **Tom Carter**

Billy & Dana Rountree

### **Tom & Sarah Carter**

Billy & Dana Rountree

### **Mr. Harry Christie**

Barbara Mease & Randy Betz

Mike & Janet Owen

## In Memory

### **Georgie Copeland**

Susan Vick

### **Nancy Cox**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Crenshaw**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Charles Cutchins**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Cutchins**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Zachary Cutchins**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Ann C. Dalton**

James & Glenda Johnson

### **Dude & Scout DeWitt**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Roger W. Drake III**

Roger Wilson & Ruth Drake

### **Lewis Dunlow**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Peanut Elzarlan**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Charlotte Faison**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **John Stephen Ferguson**

Holly Lane

### **Julie Carter Griggs**

Mike & Janet Owen

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Billy & Dana Rountree

### **Wendy Bryant Harrison**

Owen & Ann Gillette

Jane Butler

### **Leah & Marshall Hubbard**

Mark Hubbard

### **Scott Jenkins**

John Jenkins

## In Memory

### **Mr. & Mrs. William T. Jones**

Judith Terrell

William Jones, Jr.

### **Dillon Joyner**

Roland & Brenda Joyner

### **Ashley Lawson**

Elizabeth & Mark Lawson

### **Nancy Lewis**

Chester & Sandra Hart

Elizabeth & Mark Lawson

### **Thurman Mumford**

Charlotte Whitley

### **Gerry Patneski**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Ruth Petty**

Anonymous

### **Dick & Eleanor Rafferty**

Anonymous

### **Sarah Robb**

Arthur Robb

### **Palmer Runnels**

Georgianna Runnels

### **Cliff Schompert**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Annette & Edwin Swientoniewski**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Mrs. Louise Story**

Peter Vick

### **Trent Story**

Robert & Ann Story

### **Bill & Patsy Tomlin**

Joe & Linda Drake

### **Yvonne Turner**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **John Vargo**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Dennis C. Vick**

Charlotte Whitley

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## In Honor

### **Elliot Beard**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Holden Beard**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Mr. & Mrs. AJ Briggs**

Peter Vick

### **Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bunn**

Peter Vick

### **Rosalind Cutchins**

Mike & Janet Owen

Janice Tawney

### **El/Rehab Team**

Marti Clark

### **Barbara Mease**

Susan Morton

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Louise Noles**

Joe & Linda Drake

### **Ethel & Bobby Owen**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Dr. Michael Ponder**

Barbara Mease & Randy Betz

### **Michele Stancill**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Virginia Lee Story**

Peter Vick

### **G.Lee Taylor**

Tom & Nan Cox

Chester & Sandra Hart

### **The Children's Center**

RL & Ethel Owen

### **Linda Vick**

Peter Vick

## Donors & In Kind

Anonymous

Nancy & Bryon Arnone

Margaret Bachman

Victoria Bailey

Robert Barry

Kelsey & Andrew Beard

Teresa Boyd

Crystal Brinkley

Anne Bruehl

Dennis & Robin Burgess

Lindsay Cutchins

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Kendra Elam

Mary Faison

Holly Giles

Sharon Goodwyn

S. Bernard Goodwyn

Eugene Grizzard

James & Rebecca Habel

Gail Harrison

Bruce Herbkersman

Miriam Hill

Carolyn Hudson

Anita Justice

Tamika Lake

Holly Lane

Anne & Mark Langer

Sandra McNally

Gus & Rose Nurney

Mike & Janet Owen

Laurie Phillips

Paige Powell

Owen & Lisa Reece

Todd & Tamie Rittenhouse

Jennifer Ruffin

## Donors & In Kind

Daphne Russell

Mike & Boo Van Straten

W.P. & Georgia Lee Taylor

Elizabeth Thornton

Christopher Tsitsera

Amanda Wegrecki

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Rite Aid Foundation Kids Cents

Ruth Camp Campbell Foundation

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

United Way of South Hampton Roads

William M. Camp Foundation

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# HOW YOU CAN HELP!

## **Donate!**

You can donate directly to the Children's Center through our website [www.childrenscenterva.com](http://www.childrenscenterva.com), or by mail at 700 Campbell Avenue, Franklin, VA 23851. Your donation can be made in memory or honor of a loved one or friend and designated to a particular building or program. Have you considered a continuing monthly donation by credit card? Click on the DONATE button at the top of our website! When you pay through PayPal you have the option to make your payment recurring!

## **In Kind Gifts**

We accept In-kind gifts including classroom supplies and materials. We accept classroom art supplies, educational toys, recreational toys, and other general supplies. You can donate these items to any center!

## **Planned Giving**

You can make an impact on children for many years to come through planned giving. Planned gifts also give back and can help you prepare for your future. This allows you to take a sizeable tax deduction, and provide favorable capital gains tax treatment. Planned giving allows you to leave a legacy that fits your philanthropic goals.

## **Follow Us!**

The Children's Center is on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us on both so you never miss an update or photo! Sharing our page, including our posts and photos, can help us reach more people and carry out our mission every day!

## **Amazon Smile**

Do you shop on Amazon? The Children's Center participates in Amazon Smile. Each time you make a purchase, a small percentage of your purchase can be donated to us! Set this up by typing in Amazon Smile in your Amazon search bar and then type in Children's Center 1983 and click on The Children's Center in Franklin, VA!

## **Rite Aid Kid Cents**

The Children's Center is part of the Rite Aid Kid Cents program! You can round up your change when you make a purchase at any Rite Aid in the country and designate it to The Children's Center. Go to [www.kidscents.com](http://www.kidscents.com) for more details!

## **NAP Tax Credits**

The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program provides tax incentives for individuals who donate \$500 or more to The Children's Center in a 6 month period.

# The Children's Center



**The Children's Center is a partner with United Way South Hampton Roads and United Way Franklin Southampton Area. You can designate your United Way or Combined Virginia Campaign to us at Agency #5076!**

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*We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to nurture and educate children and families!*

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