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# RAINBOW NEWS

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## A FLOWER SHOP IN FRANKLIN

**March 2021**

Ms. Becky Wheeler's Pre-K class at our Franklin center opened a flower shop in their classroom! The children held a "soft" grand opening in March! They used the flower shop to learn all about how a florist works, sending flowers as gifts, color recognition, and an introduction to money! Everything for the flower shop was donated, including 78 floral bunches and stems by Marsha Parker. Ribbons, flowers, vase fillers, small vases, and more were donated by Holly Giles. Janet Owen also contributed by donating materials including "worms!" Daphne Russell donated items for a fairy garden. Glenn Higgenbotham donated wallets and Bonnie Lauver also donated wallets and purses to help their imaginations grow!

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Ms. Becky's Pre-K class enjoying their Flower Shop!





# CENTERS CELEBRATE THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

**April 2021**

Celebrating The Week of the Young Child is a tradition at the Children's Center. All of our centers planned fun activities for the week of April 12th - 16th in honor of the celebration. The program for the week was as follows:

- Monday - Music Monday
- Tuesday - Tasty Tuesday
- Wednesday - Work Together Wednesday
- Thursday - Artsy Thursday
- Friday - Family Fun Friday



Pictured: Children enjoying Tasty Tuesday in Smithfield. (top left); Children playing outside for Work Together Wednesday in Franklin. (top and bottom right)





# SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR OUR STAFF

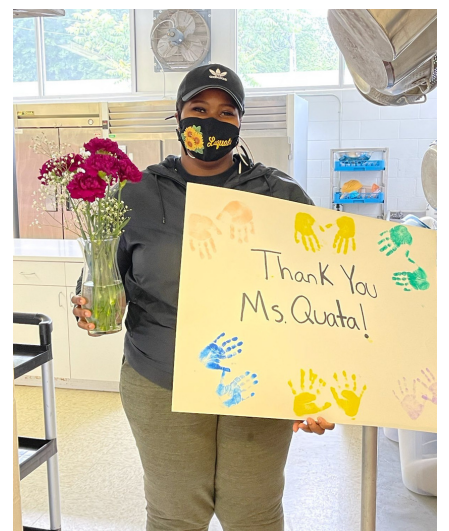
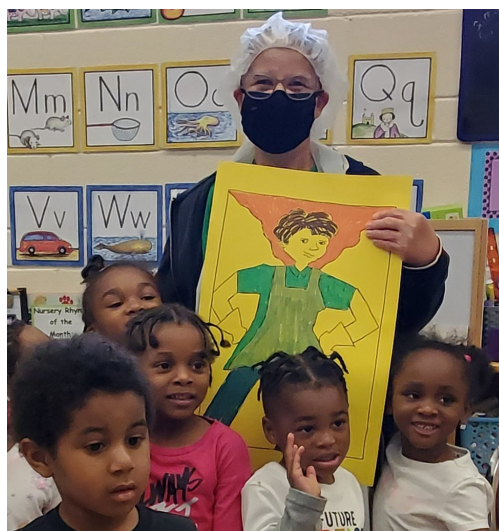
April and May 2021

In April and May, we showed appreciation to staff on Transportation Appreciation Day, Administrative Professional's Day, Super Hero Day and during Teacher Appreciation Week!

During Teacher Appreciation Week, our Suffolk center held a "Spirit Week" for teachers, staff, and children to dress up each day of the week. From dressing as your favorite Marvel character to dressing up in workout gear to wearing something fabulous, our Suffolk teachers had fun!

In Franklin and Courtland, teachers enjoyed an "Appreciation Station," where parents could write special notes to their child's teacher. They also gave teachers lunch, donuts, ice cream, and a fun raffle drawings each day!

At Suffolk Head Start, teachers received personalized handbags, and treats! On Friday, Suffolk ECDC provided lunch and cupcakes for teachers and staff.



Pictured Above: Bus Children showing support for bus drivers and monitors (top left); All dressed up as a grandparent in Suffolk (top right); Cupcakes from ECDC (middle); Smithfield appreciating their cook (bottom left); Courtland showing love to their cook (bottom right)

# DONOR RECOGNITION

January 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021

We embrace the community as our partner in serving children. Donations help make our programs stronger. The Children's Center extends many thanks to the good friends who have made donations between January 1 2021 and April 30, 2021.

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### **Lewis Dunlow**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Jan Hudnut Hauser**

Owen & Ann Gillette

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Louise Noles

## In Memory

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Louise Noles

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### **John Carlton Butler**

Louise Noles

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Louise Noles

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Louise Noles

## In Honor

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Louise Noles

### **Ann & Owen Gillette**

Louise Noles

### **Louise Noles**

Tommy & Ginnie Outland

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## 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!

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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.

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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!

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# The Children's Center



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