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GIVE LOCAL 757 RAISES OVER \$5,000!

MAY 2022

Give Local 757 was held on our annual giving day again this year! Our campaign goals were to raise money to purchase new wheels for our playgrounds. Unfortunately, ride-on toys, trikes, and bikes must be replaced every few years due to weather, wear and tear, and simply because they are well-loved! On May 11, 2022, we raised \$5,260 to purchase new bikes, trikes, and ride-on toys for the playgrounds at our 8 centers! Thank you to the incredible donors who supported this day and continue to help us nurture and educate children!



CELEBRATING THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Children across all centers celebrated the Week of the Young Child with tons of fun activities! Children enjoyed bubble painting, making water bottle shakers, musical play, and making smoothies!

Scan to donate!



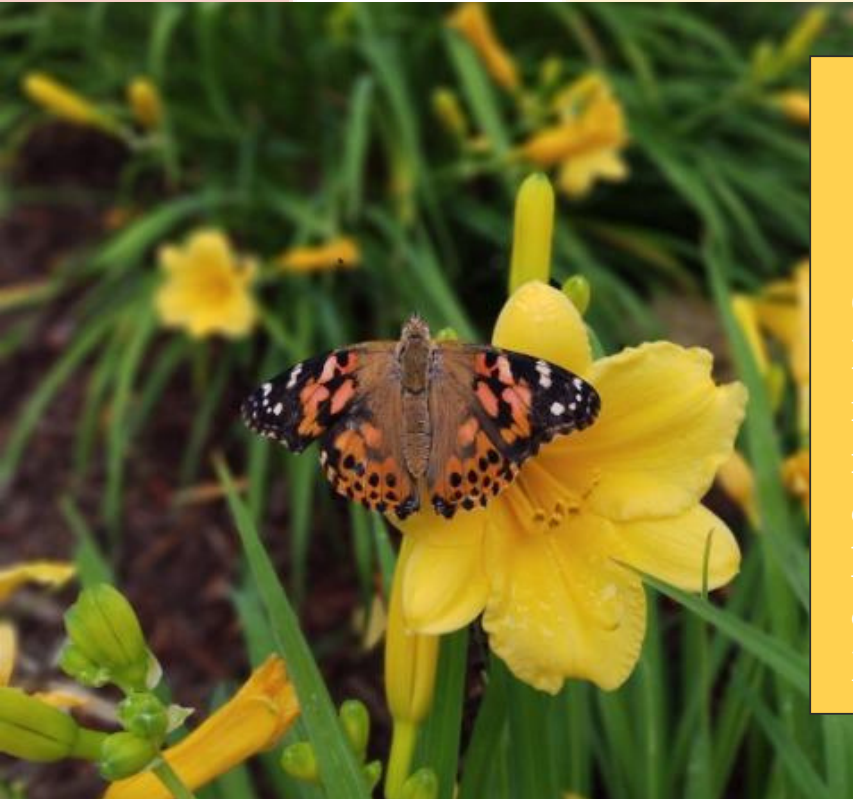
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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

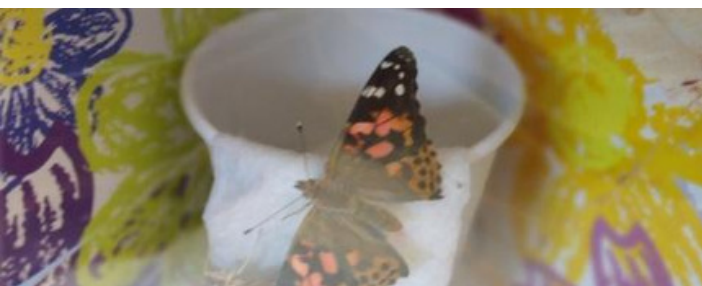
Our Suffolk center teachers enjoyed treats from Sugar Mama's Bake Shop LLC and Nothing Bundt Cakes!

In the Classroom



PRE-K'S BUTTERFLY PROJECT IN FRANKLIN

Children in Ms. Becky's Pre-K class are excited about their new butterfly kits! They released the butterflies at the end of May! Thanks to IP for helping us learn more about our planet in honor of Earth Day!



TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT US, VISIT:

www.childrenscenterva.com



THE CHILDREN'S CENTER ON TV!

APRIL 2022

Over the past three months, the Children's Center has invested in two TV campaigns in an effort to spread our mission and recruit new employees and families. You may have seen our commercials on WAVY TV 10 and WTKR News Channel 3! In addition, several of our staff members were featured on the Hampton Roads Show and Coast Live! You can watch all of the interviews by clicking [here](#)!



Scan this code to watch the video clips!



TEXIE CAMP MARKS GETS AWARDED!

MARCH 2022

This Spring, Heather Kitsis, Virginia Quality Eastern Region Coordinator, delivered a banner to recognize The Children's Center's achievement of a Level 4 Virginia Quality rating!

Heather stated, "Virginia Quality Eastern Region is so excited to join with the Children's Center in celebrating their Level 4 rating!" To achieve this rating The Children's Center invited CLASS certified raters into the center last Fall to observe their teachers and rate their quality interactions and language modeling as well as classroom environments. We are proud to continue to focus on high quality early childhood education for the children and families we serve!



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WAYLON'S & WYATT'S STORY

APRIL 2022

Meet Waylon and Wyatt, twin boys marching to the beat of their own drums! As the boys reached two years of age, their mother Catherine detected they both did things differently. The boys were not able to do simple tasks on their own. They did not speak like other two-year-olds. They did not have the self-help skills they should have by this age such as feeding themselves or putting their clothes or shoes on. Following her motherly instincts, Catherine began advocating for her boys. At their two-year checkup, their pediatrician suggested that boys often develop slower than girls, and they would in time begin to flourish. However, Catherine's heart still told her the boys needed extra support.

She continued to battle her own fears, and through adversity she researched and looked for answers. Catherine enrolled Waylon and Wyatt into the Early Intervention program at the Children's Center. The boys began receiving speech therapy services and soon after began attending the Early Head Start program at the Southampton Head Start center. Through collaboration between their therapist and new teachers, Waylon and Wyatt began to make progress. The boys started saying words, feeding themselves, washing their own hands, and becoming more independent. The boys experienced new things, such as touching an iguana, finger painting, and riding bikes!

In early 2022, Catherine's suspicions came to fruition. Both Waylon and Wyatt were diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Catherine shared, "I knew in my heart the boys had Autism. The staff at the Children's Center never treated them any differently. From our speech therapist to the teachers to other staff, they were all so accepting of us when we were navigating something so new and raw."

Waylon and Wyatt are thriving in the classroom and at home! They are learning to say more words each day! Both boys went from being non-verbal to saying five words and even short phrases and are even potty training! Catherine and her family and friends along with the Children's Center staff, have become a team of support for the boys. They all love, encourage, and nurture the boys to be exactly who they are. "Anything we needed the Children's Center was there for us." Waylon and Wyatt continue to break barriers, overcome challenges, and succeed by learning in their own way!



DONATIONS IN FRANKLIN

APRIL 2022

The Children's Center was selected as one of the kaufCANcares Charity Recipients for March/April. A representative from Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. presented Rosalind Cutchins with the check on April 5th! The Children's Center also received an abundant donation from our friends at Smart Beginnings of Western Tidewater. They provided our rising kindergarteners in Southhampton, Isle of Wight and Franklin with kindergarten readiness kits! These kits included resource materials to help them get ready for kindergarten over the summer.



Pictured: Rosalind Cutchins with Bob Powell (top). Smart Beginnings with the kit donations (right).

DONOR RECOGNITION

MARCH 1, 2022 - MAY 31, 2022

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 March 1, 2022 and May 31, 2022. You can donate online at www.childrenscenterva.com/donate.

In Memory

Dr. & Mrs. Gordon Bachman

Margaret & Scott Bachman

Baby Charlotte

Gene & Mary Faison

Dave & Pam Copeland

Nicole Copeland

Bill & Marguerite Cutchins

Mike & Boo Van Straten

Zachary Cutchins

Theodore & Dorothy Kramer, Jr.

Phillip "Popcorn" Darden

Peggy Darden

Mary & Terry Duncan

Anne & Mark Langer

Michelle Edwards

Robert & Anne Story

Dorcas & Garland Emerson

Laurie Phillips

Mrs. Rosa Mae Greene

Mike & Janet Owen

Buddy Hyatt

Nelle Hyatt

Becky Edens Jones

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Harvey & Carole Darden

Larry & Nancy Parrish

Shirley Schultz

Holland Baptist Church

Jeffrey & Diane Zeigler

In Memory

Sandy Spengeman

Harvey & Carole Darden

Annette C. Swientoniewski

Mike & Janet Owen

Ralph Essex Turpin Jr.

Margaret & Scott Bachman

In Honor

Archur Bailey

Victoria Bailey

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Kelsey & Andrew Beard

Carmen & Isaiah

Laurie Phillips

Children's Center Staff

Lane & Perkinson, P. C.

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Nicole Copeland

Nicole Copeland

Yvette Smith

Rosalind Cutchins

Ronald & Ella Daughtrey

Steven Glenn Daugherty

Amanda Daugherty

Nolan & Chase

Marsha Edwards

Mike Owen's Retirement

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Wade & Susan Dillard

Vickie Worley

In Honor

Dr. J. Michael Ponder

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Powell III

Paige Powell

Cassidy & Campbell Spencer

Jennifer & Matt Spencer

Tank Man

Anonymous

Mary Warren's 80th Birthday

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Waylon & Wyatt

Catherine Koehn

Carol Johnson

Edward "PAW PAW" Johnson

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Carly Bosco
Anne & Jason Bruehl
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Deborah Goodwyn
Lauren Harper
Gail Harrison
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City of Suffolk
Dept. of HHS Office of Head Start
Franklin-Southampton United Way
Food For Thought (FFT) Literacy Initiative at
The Christian Outreach Program (COP)
James River Equipment
Kaufman & Canoles
Obici Healthcare Foundation, Inc.
Pab's Peanut Company
Richard Bennett Trust
United Methodist Women
United Way of South Hampton Roads
USDA
Virginia Early Childhood Foundation



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Donate!

You can donate directly to the Children's Center through our website 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 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



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our efforts to nurture and
educate children and families!*

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