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NEW WEBSITE, SAME LOVE FOR CHILDREN

JANUARY 2023

If you visit our website, you might notice some big changes! With an updated logo, softer colors, and more photos, our website has gone through renovation! Our goal for this project is to provide site visitors including potential parents, current parents, donors, staff, partners and recruits an easy-to-navigate experience while sharing our mission. New families have a user-friendly process to apply to programs. Parents still have the ability to make online payments. Donors can make easy, online donations. This project was completed with support from the Obici Healthcare Foundation. Make sure to check it out at www.childrenscenterva.com! Scan this QR code to visit now!





In the Classroom



All classrooms are enjoying the STREAMin3 curriculum! Children enjoy building, creating, and experimenting! This curriculum is funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation.



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In the Classroom



FIRST ANNUAL PRE-K TURKEY TRIKE OR TROT IN FRANKLIN

Children at our Texie Camp Marks Center participated in a Turkey Trike or Trot in November. Ms. Becky's Pre-K class hosted this fun event! They took in donations for the local animal shelter and had a blast racing in the parking lot!



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In the Classroom



FALL FESTIVALS ACROSS CENTERS ARE A FUN SUCCESS

Children across all centers enjoyed dressing up for our annual Fall Festivals! From trunk-or-treats to hayrides to games and face painting, a good time was had by all! Festivals were held at Texie Camp Marks, Suffolk Executive, Courtland, Smithfield and Suffolk Davis Children's Centers!



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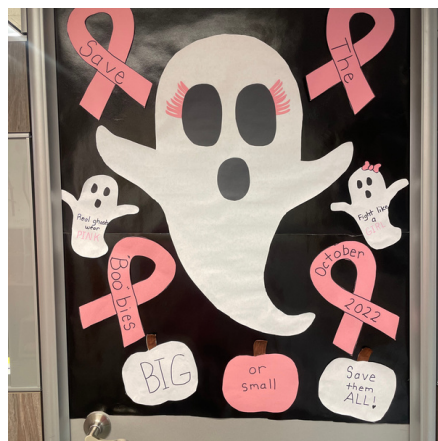
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RAISING AWARENESS FOR BREAST CANCER

OCTOBER 2022

All centers participated in PINK FRIDAYS in October! To raise awareness and support for breast cancer, staff members - and children - wore pink every Friday for the month of October. Many also took advantage of taking photos with fun props provided by our Health team! Staff also participated in a door decorating competition!





EHS HOME-BASED PROGRAM SUPPORTS MOMS

JANUARY 2023

Home Visitors in the Early Head Start program hold a PACT (Parents And Children Together) meeting for parents once a month. Over the past few months, PACT events provided EHS moms with support, including a Winter Reading Challenge, bookbags of goodies from Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater, fun story times with guest readers, and other engaging activities! PACT events provide parent support while creating opportunities for parents to engage with their children and be involved in their education!



BETTER TOGETHER

The latest community partnership news!

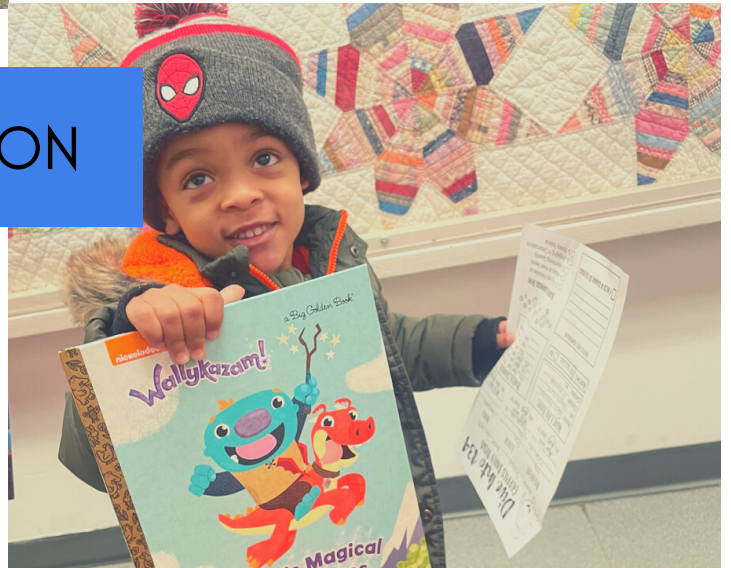


A DONATION OF PUMPKINS

Each year we reach out to the community in search of pumpkins so every child can have one to take home. This year's pumpkin donation came from Steve Byrum at Byrum Farms in Windsor.

NICKELODEON DONATION

The Texie Camp Marks Children's Center received a HUGE book donation from Nickelodeon! Each child got to take home a book and every classroom added to their library!



A GENEROUS DONATION

Thank you to the Food Bank in Franklin for donating baby food and formula! We appreciate the chance to partner with the Food Bank to provide meals for babies!

DONOR RECOGNITION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 – DECEMBER 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 September 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. You can donate online at www.childrenscenterva.com/donate.

In Memory

Angels

Clarke & Elizabeth Fox
Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Faith Atkinson

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

William K. Barlow

Hannah Bain

Tom & Sara Carter

Billy & Dana Rountree

Tom Carter

Billy & Dana Rountree

Dan Cox

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins
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 C. Cutchins

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Dude & Scout DeWitt

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Gregory Bryant Gillette

Owen & Ann Gillette

Julie Carter Griggs

Billy & Dana Rountree

Becky Edens Jones

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins
Nancy Edens
Kaia & Aria Selman

In Memory

Mike Lackey

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

William R. "Bill" Leinart, Jr.

Owen & Ann Gillette

Tommy Outland

Julie Brown
Beth Bryant
Joe Culpepper
Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins
Joe & Linda Drake
Hilda Drake
Sarah, Leigha, & P. Holden Fellows
Linda Lynnette Fields
Clarke & Elizabeth Fox
Edward & Pat Gardner
Aaron, Kim, Adeline, Kendall,
Lucas, & Amelia Harrell
Ronnie & Canara Harrell
Louise Noles
Rod & Tricia Phelps
Jeanette & William Racette
Owen & Lisa Reece
Lynda Updike
Bobby Worrell

Sarah Robb

Arthur Robb

Trent Story

Robert & Ann Story

Annette & Edwin Swientoniewski

Mike & Janet Owen

John B. Viar

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

In Honor

Quincy Elizabeth Anderson

Mike & Janet Owen

Taylor Barlow

Hannah Bain

Mr. & Mrs. Al Briggs

Peter Vick

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bunn

Peter Vick

Carol Burke

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Vivian Christie

Mike & Janet Owen

Rosalind Cutchins

Clarke & Elizabeth Fox
Mike & Janet Owen

Raffi Lee Elzarian

Mike & Janet Owen

Barbara Mease

Mike & Janet Owen

Louise Noles

Joe & Linda Drake

Ethel & Bobby Owen

Mike & Janet Owen

Virginia Lee Story

Peter Vick

G.Lee Taylor

Nan & Tom Cox

Mrs. Linda N. Vick

Peter Vick

Bill & Bonnie Widner

Owen & Ann Gillette

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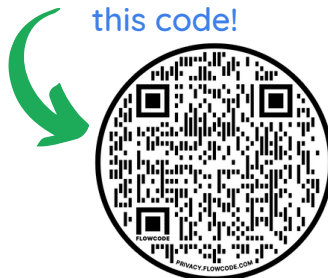
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Sandra McNally
Erin Momper
Mike & Janet Owen
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Paige Powell
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Catherine Rafferty
Owen & Lisa Reece
Tamie & Todd Rittenhouse

Donors & In Kind

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LaTosha Russell
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Diane Wiggins

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Prime Media Productions Inc.
Rite Aid Foundation
Ruth Camp Campbell Foundation
Southampton County
United Way of South Hampton Roads
USDA
William M. Camp Foundation
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We were voted BEST PRESCHOOL and BEST CHILD CARE in the Tidewater News Hometown Awards!



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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