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# RAINBOW NEWS

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## FALL FESTIVAL FUN AT TCC!

**October 2024**

In October, our centers celebrated fall fun with annual Fall Festivals! Staff at each center set up games and held trunk or treat events for children.

Thank you to our generous partners at Anthem HealthKeepers for their support and donation of 500 bubbles to share at our Fall Festivals! (Pictured above)

In Suffolk, a big thank you to Paradise for generously donating their time, shaved ice, and smiles to over 90 children and adults!



# FALL FESTIVALS

## *Early Head Start & Head Start*







## EARLY INTERVENTION FALLS INTO FUN!

OCTOBER 2024

Our Early Intervention team held a Fall Play Date for families at Darden's Country Store and Pumpkin Patch on October 22nd! The children enjoyed playing in the corn bins with trucks, going down slides, and meeting farm animals. The kiddos were surprised to see how big Gigi the pig was! There were so many fun toys to play with and yummy treats to enjoy inside the store. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed introducing families to one another. Each child picked a book and a fall goodie bag to take home! Thank you to Darden's for hosting us for Fall Fun!

Thanks to Franklin Southampton Charities and Franklin Southampton United Way for increasing services to children in the community.



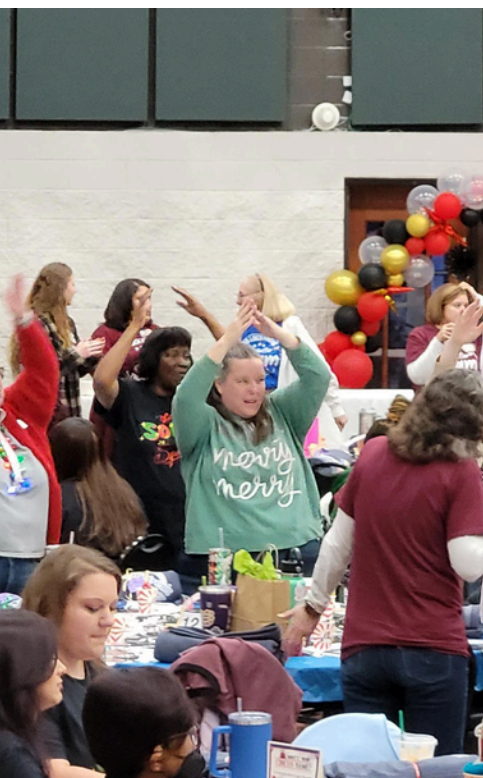




## ALL STAFF ANNUAL TRAINING DAY

DECEMBER 2024

The Children's Center staff came together in December for annual training day and holiday celebrating! It was a great day of learning and fun!







# IN THE *Classroom*



**All classrooms are implementing the STREAMin3 curriculum and children are enjoying the interactive activities! This curriculum is funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation and the Virginia Department of Education.**



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# PACT *Events*



**Our home-based families had fun last Fall! Home Visitors educated families on nutrition and had fun interacting with the fire department! Thank you to Franklin Fire & Rescue for visiting!**



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# BETTER TOGETHER

*The latest community partnership news!*



## GIFTS OF LOVE

Thank you to Peninsula Community Foundation for the recent holiday grant we received to provide supplies to children in Isle of Wight County!

## A GRINCHY WORKSHOP

The Pruden Early Childhood Education students presented a Developmental Toys & Safety workshop to parents at Suffolk Head Start.



## DAY OF CARING 2024

A huge thank you to the City of Suffolk Commonwealth Attorney's office for volunteering on United Way's Day of Caring to clean up flower beds at the Suffolk Executive Children's Center!





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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 Wish Lists

Do you shop on Amazon? Our teachers have wish lists on Amazon! You can help supply our classrooms with needed items! Visit our website to learn more and get the links for each center!

## 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.

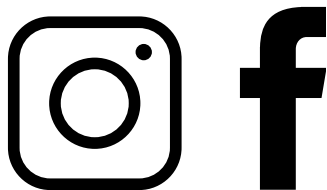


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