

Rainbow News

QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER


SUMMER 2025



Kristie Dailey is our new Executive Director!

The Children's Center is pleased to share exciting news as we prepare for the next chapter in our leadership journey. After more than a year of thoughtful planning and an extensive national search, the Board of Directors is proud to announce the appointment of **Kristie Dailey as the next Executive Director of The Children's Center**. Kristie is no stranger to our mission. For many years, she has served The Children's Center with extraordinary dedication, bringing her deep expertise in early intervention, rehabilitation, and therapy directly to the children and families we serve. Throughout her career, Kristie has exemplified compassionate leadership, a strong commitment to our values, and a deep understanding of the unique needs of our community. Her ability to foster trusted relationships—with children, families, staff, and partners—stood out as a defining strength throughout the search process. This transition comes as we prepare to celebrate the retirement of **Rosalind Cutchins**, whose leadership has been instrumental in shaping The Children's Center since its earliest days. We are profoundly grateful for Rosalind's decades of service and the countless lives she has touched. Throughout this search, input from staff, families, and community partners played a central role in guiding the Board's decision. We remain deeply committed to building on these strong relationships as Kristie steps into her new role. We are excited for this next chapter and confident in Kristie's leadership as we continue advancing our mission to support children and families in our community. We thank you for your ongoing support, which makes our work possible every single day.

With gratitude,
Jennifer Spencer
Board President, The Children's Center

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Day of Caring Success

The Children's Center welcomed a team of volunteers from IMERYS to our Suffolk Executive Center on this year's Day of Caring. We participate in Day of Caring each year through the United Way of South Hampton Roads! We even found a few little hands to help! Thank you IMERYS and United Way!





Suffolk Foundation funds Early Intervention field trips!

Thanks to the generous support of the Suffolk Foundation, our Early Intervention team has been busy creating fun and inclusive experiences for our EI children and families!

This summer, we've hosted several fun-filled events that promote social development and community connection — including two playdates at Jungle Jamz, a spring egg hunt and craft day, a park playdate, and a summer pool party at the Smithfield Swim Club! We welcomed 27 children and family members to the park for bubbles, snacks, drinks, and lots of play — all made possible by grant funding. Plus, 8 of our amazing EI staff joined in the fun!

Thank you to [Suffolk Foundation](#) for making a difference in the lives of our Early Intervention families! Scroll down for more photos!



Suffolk Foundation funds EI field trips!





Summer Care in Franklin goes bowling!

Summer Care classes in Franklin took a field trip to go bowling! Check out these STRIKING smiles!



Site Supervisors get out!

The Site Supervisors attended a training on Coaching for Commitment: Building a High Impact Team!

Left to Right:

Ashley Brown, Suffolk Executive Court
 Pat Ellsworth, Southampton Head Start
 Kristen McKenney, Smithfield Head Start
 Sandy McNally, Education Specialist All Sites
 Victoria Bailey, Texie Camp Marks Center
 Benay Patrick, Suffolk Head Start



National Night Out

Sharon Daugherty, Family Advocate, represented the Children's Center at National Night Out on August 5th in Suffolk!

In the Classroom



Playtime in Suffolk!



Teachers having fun in Courtland



Summer glow party in Franklin!



Painting in Suffolk!



Bubble painting in Courtland!

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



PACT represents Parents and Children Together. Families enrolled in our homebased Early Head Start program gather once a week for educational, fun activities where they can interact and play with their child.



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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 May 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025. You can donate online at www.childrenscenterva.com/donate.

In Memory

Faith Atkinson

William Atkinson III

Mariah Blei

Tom & Missy Blei

Tom & Sara Carter

Billy & Dana Rountree

Tom Carter III

Billy & Dana Rountree

Jimmy Cottle

Mike & Janet Owen

Zachary Cutchins

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Steven Daugherty

Amanda Daugherty

Baby Charlotte Faison

Gene & Mary Faison

Jesse Gardner

Charlotte Whitley

Greg Gillette

JL & Darlene Dunlow

Julie Carter Griggs

Billy & Dana Rountree

Louise Jordan Harrup

Mike & Janet Owen

Melissa Hewitt

Owen & Ann Gillette

G.T. Jernigan

Owen & Ann Gillette

Loretta Lamb

Mike & Janet Owen

Ruth Hyacinth Mason

Mike & Janet Owen

Darrell Mayo

Mike & Janet Owen

Dorothy "Dottie" Anne Sprouse

McClain

Mike & Janet Owen

Virginia M. Rountree

Billy & Dana Rountree

Ralph Turpin, Jr.

Margaret Bachman

In Honor

Holden, Elliott & Quincy

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Sadie Burnett C/O 2026

Brandi Burnett

Marti Clark, Kristie Dailey

& the EI Staff

Laurie Phillips

Rosalind Cutchins

Mitzi McCoy

Jennifer Stephenson

G.Lee Taylor

Janice Tawney

Rosalind Cutchins & Janet Owen

Holly & George Giles

Kristie Rountree Dailey

Billy & Dana Rountree

Early Intervention Team

Muriel Blythe

The Educators & Staff

Holly Lane

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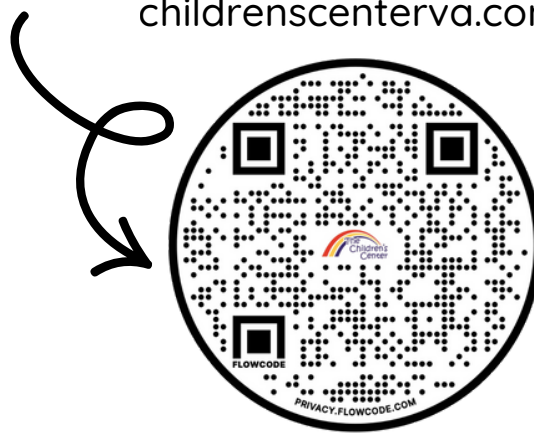
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Virginia Early Childhood Education Foundation



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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!

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.

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Amazon Wish Lists

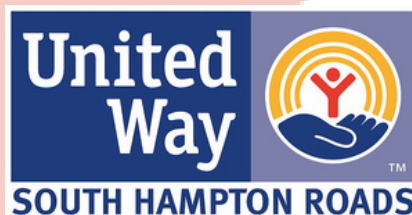
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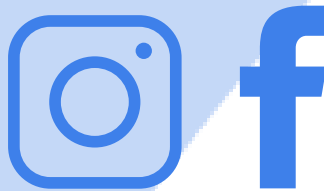
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The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program provides tax incentives for individuals who donate \$500 or more to The Children's Center in a 6 month period.



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