

# RAINBOW NEWS

QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER



FALL/WINTER 2025-2026



## TCC participates in childcare roundtable event in Suffolk!

Our Head Start Director, Tamie Rittenhouse, and Executive Director, Kristie Dailey, along with Rosalind Cutchins and board member, Tameka Lawrence attended the ECDC's Roundtable for Childcare Solutions: From Crisis to Action. "The discussion underscored just how urgent the need is for affordable, reliable childcare, with panelists sharing impactful insights, real stories, and thoughtful ideas to help strengthen childcare across our community." We are thankful for partnerships in our communities that work together for children!



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## 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!

Last Fall, our Early Intervention families had a wonderful time at The Graceful Baker decorating cookies together. The kids loved getting creative with frosting and sprinkles, and parents enjoyed sharing smiles and laughter. A big thank-you to the Suffolk Foundation for providing the grant that made this special event possible, and to The Graceful Baker for hosting us!

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





## Early Intervention wins Suffolk grant!

A huge shout out to Mandy Smith and Casey Whitlow for representing the Children's Center at a grant giving celebration at the Suffolk Cultural Arts Center for the Women's Impact Fund, where Early Intervention was awarded a \$2000 grant for play groups for children not in daycare. Pictured is Dr. Beth Levin, a WIF member, that presented the check with Casey and Mandy. Congrats to our EI team!!



## Executive Directors Unite!

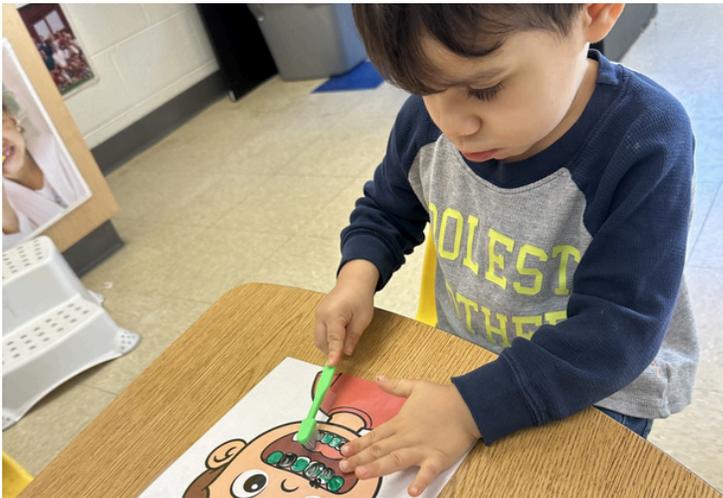
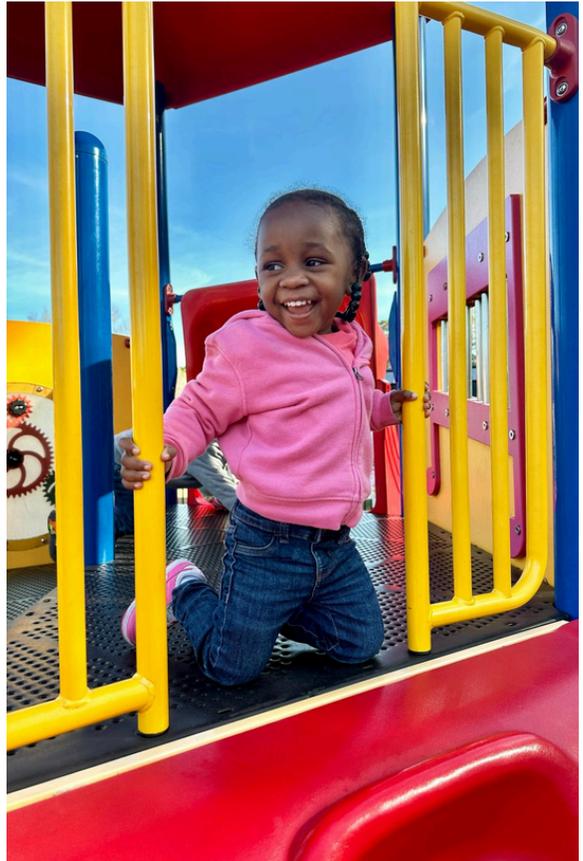
The Executive Directors of the Children's Center recently met to discuss the past and brainstorm current and future projects of the agency! Barbara Mease (pictured middle) was TCC's founder and first Executive Director. Rosalind Cutchins (pictured right) is recently retired from the Executive Director position. Kristie Dailey (pictured left) is the current, new Executive Director.



## Christmas spirit in Franklin!

Thanks to High St United Methodist Church in Franklin for sponsoring "Pajamas and a Book" Project! We are very thankful!

# In the Classroom



All classrooms are implementing the STREAMin3 curriculum and children are enjoying the interactive activities!



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# PACT Events



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



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## **In Memory**

### **Angels**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Roger Atkins**

Edwin Atkins

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Robert S. Beale**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **R. David Betz**

Barbara Mease & Randy Betz

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Charles "Frog" Bradshaw**

Peggy Darden

### **JT Burgess**

Peggy Darden

### **Tom & Sarah Carter**

Billy & Dana Rountree

### **Tom Carter III**

Billy & Dana Rountree

### **Betty Ann Crabtree**

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

### **Abigail Drake**

Joe & Linda Drake

### **Stephen Drake**

Joe & Linda Drake

### **Roger W. Drake III**

Roger Drake

### **Rusty Gates**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Gregory Bryant Gillette**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Donna Griffin**

Henry & Cindy Thomason

### **Chester C. Griffin, Jr.**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Julie Carter Griggs**

Billy & Dana Rountree

### **Louise Harrup**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Leah & Marshall Hubbard**

Mark Hubbard

### **Ashley Lawson**

G.Lee Taylor

### **Ashton & Nancy Lewis**

G.Lee Taylor

### **Gloria Leinart**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Darrell Mayo**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Ruth Tucker Petty**

Anonymous

### **Sarah Elizabeth Robb**

Arthur Robb

### **Carol Simms**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Annette & Edwin Swientoniewski**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Willis & Rebecca Taylor**

G.Lee Taylor

### **Brian Van der Linden**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Maggie Vaughan**

Lynda Updike

### **James C. Wright, Jr.**

Owen & Ann Gillette



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## In Honor

### **Quincy Anderson**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Holden Beard**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Elliott Beard**

Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

### **Rosalind Cutchins**

Owen & Ann Gillette

G.Lee Taylor

Janet Owen

William Atkinson III

### **Kristie Rountree Dailey**

Billy & Dana Rountree

### **Steve Dodson**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Raffi Lee Elzarian**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Barbara Mease**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Ethel & Bobby Owen**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Janet Owen**

G.Lee Taylor

### **Michael Owen II**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Darrell Partlow**

G.Lee Taylor

### **John Swientoniewski**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Virginia Lee Story**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **G.Lee Taylor**

Mike & Janet Owen

### **Melody White**

Holly Lane

### **Bill & Bonnie Widner**

Owen & Ann Gillette

### **Owen Robert Worley**

Mike & Janet Owen

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Glenn & Tammy Higginbotham

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La'Kisha Jones

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Virginia Early Childhood Education Foundation  
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Women's Impact Fund



# How you can support us!



## 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.

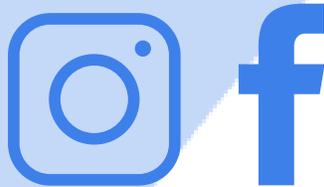


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