

# THE PARTNERSHIP TIMES

*Helping make Anson County a better place  
to be a child and to raise a child*



## 2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT



### BLOCKS ROCK

In April, the Partnership hosted its first annual Block Fest interactive exhibit at the Lockhart-Taylor Center allowing over 650 young children to learn from block play in four block centers over the course of the four-day exhibit.



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**I**t was the best of times, it was the worst of times ...

— *From A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

In 1859 Charles Dickens released his novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, which began in Paris in 1775. Was Charles Dickens describing 1775 or 1859 when he wrote the familiar words above? He could have been describing the 2008-09 fiscal year at the Anson County Partnership for Children!

In some ways, it was the **worst of times**. As the economic crisis hit Anson County and the nation, the Partnership experienced a series of reductions (totaling 7.4%) in Smart Start funding during the fiscal year. This resulted in loss of staff and reductions in services to children. The Parents as Teachers Program, serving 25 at-risk families in the county, was reduced to part-time and finally eliminated. Unfortunately, no other organization in Anson County is providing intensive parenting support. Also a Child Care staff member moved away in the fall, but the position could not be filled due to the reduced Smart Start budget. This left two employees (down from three) to provide technical assistance and professional development services to all 52 child care facilities in Anson County. In addition, severe travel restrictions were employed to reserve funding for salaries. As Partnership employees conducted their jobs with decreased manpower, they worried about job security.

In the fall of 2008, the 2007 teen pregnancy data was released revealing that Anson County was seventh in the state in teen pregnancies in 15- to 19-year-olds and first in the state in the African American community in that age range. This was shocking, disappointing and an indication that more needed to be done to reduce teen pregnancy in Anson County. At the same time, due to budget cuts, the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative's recurring grant awarded to the Partnership for almost a decade lost its funding for the first five months of the fiscal year, interrupting important pregnancy prevention services to youths in the county. In the last months of the fiscal year, the funding for Adolescent Parenting Programs across the state (called TIPS in Anson

County) was threatened, resulting in reduced parenting and pregnancy prevention services to teen parents.

In spite of these indications of gloom, it was also **the best of times** during last fiscal year at the Partnership. To address the alarming teen pregnancy numbers in Anson County, the Partnership developed strong collaborations with HOLLA! (Helping our Loved Ones Learn and Achieve!) and Healthy Ansonians which selected teen pregnancy as one of two key health issues to focus on. Dozens of Anson County citizens advocated for comprehensive sex education at Anson County School Board meetings and School Health Advisory meetings.

Almost one thousand young children in Anson County received books through the very popular Dolly Parton's Imagination Library last year. To support this and other literacy efforts, the Partnership hosted the third annual Barn Blast fundraising event in January which raised over \$24,000 in spite of the economic downturn. Under the leadership of Board Chair John Witherspoon, the Partnership Board achieved 100% Board giving for the sixth year in a row. Other support which rescued the Partnership financially during the grim budget year included: a grant from Healthy Start for Motherhead literacy training; grants from Anson United Way for parenting and literacy activities; numerous donations from Second Harvest Food Bank; generous assistance from HOLLA! with child care, food, speakers, etc. for TIPS meetings; a grant from APPCNC (Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of N.C.) for additional support of teen pregnancy prevention initiatives; a donation from Wadesboro Rotary Club and collaboration with Anson Baptist Association for infant mortality prevention; and the continuing donation of office space and maintenance funding from the Effie Allen Little Foundation.

Nine TIPS teen parent participants graduated from high school in 2009, a record for the 11-year-old program at the Partnership. The Partnership was presented a STARS award by APPCNC for its efforts in preventing teen pregnancy. 110 car seats were distributed and installed by ACPC nationally certified child passenger safety technicians.

Over 22,000 books were distributed during the fiscal year to children ages birth through second grade in Anson County.

Due to a new collaboration with the Department of Social Services, Partnership employees offered individualized one-on-one child care referral services to all WorkFirst parents for the first time, greatly increasing parent referral numbers for the Partnership. Even though short-staffed, Partnership employees provided intensive technical assistance to eight child care facilities that all succeeded in maintaining their high quality Four or Five Star ratings.

The Partnership also sponsored its sixth annual Week of the Young Child Parade drawing over 800 young children to uptown Wadesboro to celebrate the theme of "Blocks Rock." The following week, the Partnership hosted its first annual Block Fest interactive exhibit at the Lockhart-Taylor Center allowing 653 young children to learn from block play in four block centers over the course of the four-day exhibit.

**"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ..."** as the Partnership served children and families in 2008-2009. With the strong support of the community, the Partnership will continue to weather the storms in order "to help make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child" for many years to come.

## OFFICERS & BOARD

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### Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Sept. 28; Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Dec. 21; Jan. 11; Feb. 15; Mar. 15; Apr. 19; May 17; Jun. 21. (All meetings at 9 a.m. at ACPC.)

### Board Meeting Dates

Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. at ACPC; Jan. 29 (Barn Blast at 6 p.m.); Mar. 25 at 9 a.m. at ACPC; May 27 at 9 a.m. at ACPC.

# Teen Pregnancies Always Top Issue



While the rise in instances of teen pregnancy made the headlines in 2008-2009, the Anson County Partnership for Children has always considered it a top issue.

“TIPS (Teen Information and Parenting Services) for teen parents was our Partnership’s very first activity in 1997,” said ACPC Director Elaine Scarborough. In fact, she said, the original ACPC planning board applied for and received a private grant from Wachovia in 1996 – before she came on board as Executive Director or any Smart Start money was available for services. The TIPS program, coordinated by Bonnie Morgan, teaches parenting skills and helps participants make wise choices that will delay a second pregnancy.

“The statistics released last fall really shocked us,” Scarborough said. Studies showed that teen pregnancies in Anson County had risen 20.8 percent since 2006. In 2007, 77 girls ages 15-19 became pregnant, and 64 of these girls were African-American, placing Anson County at number one in the state for the occurrence of minority teen pregnancies. Teen pregnancy has reached epidemic levels in Anson County so Partnership staff and Board brainstormed ways to decrease the rates.

ACPC realized a need to impact more youth in teen pregnancy prevention. For several years the Partnership has used TPPI (Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives) funding through the Department of Health and Human Services to fund TOP (Teen Outreach Program) and TIPS (Teen Information and Parenting Service). Each year TIPS successfully encourages its participants to delay a second pregnancy. Although TOP was a successful program for its participants, it just wasn’t reaching enough young people to decrease the teen pregnancy rate in the county. For this reason and because the school system does not currently teach a comprehensive sex education curriculum, the Partnership changed the curriculum

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and the format of its primary pregnancy prevention program. While TOP was a three-year curriculum with participants in grades seven through nine, Making Proud Choices is a highly-researched and effective curriculum for teen pregnancy prevention which can be presented to young people in ten hours. The Partnership is now bringing information to organizations such as the HOLLA! Camp, Girl Scouts, churches and neighborhood groups. Cindy Taylor-Lisenby is Proud Choices Program Coordinator, assisted by Caroline Hightower.

The Partnership has traditionally partnered with Anson County Health Department’s efforts to reduce teen pregnancies. The majority of work on teen pregnancy prevention in the county is done by the health department. “They work at it week by week,” Scarborough said. “ACHD employees have had a real commitment to this issue for many years.”

Health care workers not only make referrals to ACPC, but hold clinics, help with family planning and provide free condoms and one-on-one counseling to clients. When the health department was not able to purchase condoms for free distribution this year due to lack of funds, ACPC used teen pregnancy prevention funds to buy and donate enough condoms to last the health department through this fiscal year.

The Partnership has also forged a strong collaboration with Healthy Ansonians and HOLLA! (Helping Our Loved Ones Learn and Achieve). These groups organized the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, a grassroots committee of interested advocates. Members attended five consecutive school board meetings to urge teaching comprehensive sex education in the schools. The coalition, renamed the Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Committee, now under the auspices of Healthy Ansonians, is chaired by Subrina Hough, co-founder of HOLLA!

As a result of this grassroots initiative, the Anson County School Board appointed a committee consisting of three members of the School Health Advisory Committee, three members of the School Board and three members of the Healthy Ansonians Teen Pregnancy Prevention Committee to work on the issue of sex education in the schools. ACPC also bought and donated brochures to the school system that included topics such as Birth Control Facts, Birth Control Talk with Parents, and STD Facts. With the new state law mandating comprehensive sex education in the schools beginning in the 2010 school year, the Partnership will continue its advocacy and collaborative efforts with Anson County Schools to decrease the teen pregnancy rate.

“Children raising children” has a great impact on the success of the many children in Anson County with teenage mothers who have a myriad of problems of their own including living in poverty. We know that the mother’s education is the single greatest indicator of a child’s success in school. What does this say about the success of children whose teen mothers are still in high school or have dropped out of school? Thus, “children raising children” has a significant impact on the success of our schools and their test scores.

“Children raising children” also impacts the future of our county as the majority of these teen parents and their children remain in Anson County and remain on public assistance for many years to come, Scarborough said. Preventing these teen pregnancies should be of concern to every Anson County citizen. “If it doesn’t affect their hearts, it certainly affects their pocketbooks,” she said.

# Child Passenger Safety Station Is Busy

**A**s a permanent checking station for Anson County, the Partnership distributed 110 new car seats and inspected 11 others during Fiscal Year 2008-09.

“Anyone in Anson County may have their car seat inspected to be certain that it is installed correctly,” said Holly Hammonds, one of six nationally certified child passenger safety technicians at the Partnership. In addition, a Partnership technician will check to see if the car seat is appropriate, given the child’s height and weight.

Hammonds said a family may purchase a car seat for \$10 by showing proof they are on public assistance.

The Partnership distributes four types of car seats – convertibles, combi-



**Child Passenger Safety Technician Holly Hammonds (left) inspects a new car seat for Ebby Hobgood**

nations, high-back boosters and no-back boosters. “The Partnership distributes and installs the convertible car seats for newborns. We do not distribute the infant car seats, but we will install them,” Hammonds said, adding babies

grow out of the infant car seat so quickly.

“Once a child is between 20 and 25 pounds, he/she will move to a convertible car seat,” Hammonds said.

For more information and/or an appointment, call 704.694.4036.

## 9 TIPS Mothers Receive AHS Diplomas

**T**he Partnership’s Teen Information & Parenting Service (TIPS) program served 21 young mothers during FY 2008-09, nine of whom received their Anson High School diplomas at graduation ceremonies in June.

“Our teens ranged between grades 8-12 and we had some who had been in the program for three years,” said Bonnie Morgan, coordinator. “When they graduate from high school, they graduate from our program, too.”

Morgan said the main goals of the program are to keep the young women in school until they graduate, to avoid a second pregnancy and to be the best parents they can be.

TIPS encourages long-term contraception to avoid a second pregnancy during their teen years. To accomplish that, TIPS provides transportation to appointments with a doctor or to the Anson County Health

Department. The Partnership also provides funding for active TIPS participants to receive a child care subsidy through the Anson County Department of Social Services at a Four or Five Star facility.

In group meetings, the teen mothers discuss health issues, educational opportunities, helpful community resources and child development. The Motherhead literacy program assists the teen parents in learning to read to their children more often and in acquiring a deeper understanding of children’s literature.

TIPS implements the Parents as Teachers (PAT) curriculum which encourages the teen mothers to be their children’s first and most important teachers. This research-based curriculum is used for monthly home visitations with TIPS participants and their children.

Participants were treated to a

luncheon at the home of June and John Witherspoon, where achievement certificates were presented. Each graduate received a copy of the book *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* by Dr. Seuss, as well as a writing journal to record their thoughts.

June is an avid TIPS volunteer and John served as the Partnership’s board chair during the 2008-09 fiscal year. Members of HOLLA! (Helping Our Loved Ones Learn and Achieve), who had volunteered during the year, also attended the graduation event.

One program participant, Salena Tyson, is a Wadesboro Rotary Club scholarship recipient and has been awarded a full scholarship to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she plans to study nursing. She has a three-year-old son, Kiyon.

For more information on the TIPS program, call 704.694.4036 or visit [www.ansonsmartstart.org](http://www.ansonsmartstart.org).

# More Education Means Higher Quality Child Care

**I**n North Carolina, child care centers and family child care homes are rated on a star system, with a One Star rating meaning the facility meets the state's minimum standards for licensing and a Five Star rating as meeting the highest standards of excellence.

The Anson County Partnership for Children (ACPC) provides resources for child care centers to improve their star rating. "There are two ways they can get points to earn stars," said Kris Poplin, Child Care Resource & Referral Director. "One is through program standards of the facility and the other is through education of the child care workers."

Child care facilities can earn only seven points on program standards alone (the minimum for a Three Star rating), so increasing education levels of workers is necessary for facilities to reach high quality levels of Four or Five Stars.

"We encourage providers to increase their education," Poplin said. Child care providers are asked if they are willing to further their education in order to increase their quality and what resources they need to help them reach their goals. ACPC collaborates with Sharon Little in SPCC's Early Childhood Education Department in working with interested child care providers.

"We develop an individualized plan for those who are willing to continue their education," Poplin said. The first step is to help the provider pass the South Piedmont Community College placement test. Some providers are intimidated by the math and reading parts of the test, she said. These are assigned a personal academic advisor who monitors their progress; and special times are set up for tutoring so that individuals can work along with their peers.

Susie's Day Care, owned by Susie



**SUSIE HOLCOMBE (LEFT), SUSIE'S DAY CARE,  
With the Partnership's Kris Poplin, CCRC Director**

Holcombe, became a Four Star facility after going through the environment rating scale. She wanted to increase the quality of her facility to a Five Star and knew that she must go back to school. Having never attended college, the first step would be to take the placement test.

After much mentoring and coaching by Partnership staff, Susie passed all her developmental courses and has now taken enough early childhood classes to apply for a Five Star rating.

"I would never have even taken the first step if the staff at the Partnership had not helped me through the process. They held my hand through every step," Susie said.

Last year, 18 Anson County child care providers enrolled in for-credit college courses. "Working with each provider one-on-one is most successful and keeps them motivated," Poplin said.

ACPC also helps students complete applications for PELL grants (student aid) and TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) scholarships. TEACH was designed to address under-education, poor compensation and rapid turnover among child care providers. The scholarships are awarded to providers

who are interested in taking college classes to continue their education.

Poplin said that there are many different kinds of scholarships that pay for expenses such as providing a substitute teacher, purchasing books, traveling to and from classes or for Internet access to take online courses. She makes sure that child care providers

are aware of all these resources to assist them in going back to school.

Taking classes allows child care centers and home providers to earn points toward their star rating. "A higher rating increases their monthly subsidy bonus payments through the Department of Social Services," Poplin said. Higher ratings also increase parent confidence in the quality of care provided by the center or family home.

Of the 52 child care facilities in Anson County, 26 are currently considered high quality with a rating of Four or Five Stars. Five centers and eight family homes have achieved a Five Star rating and two centers and eleven family homes have achieved a Four Star rating.

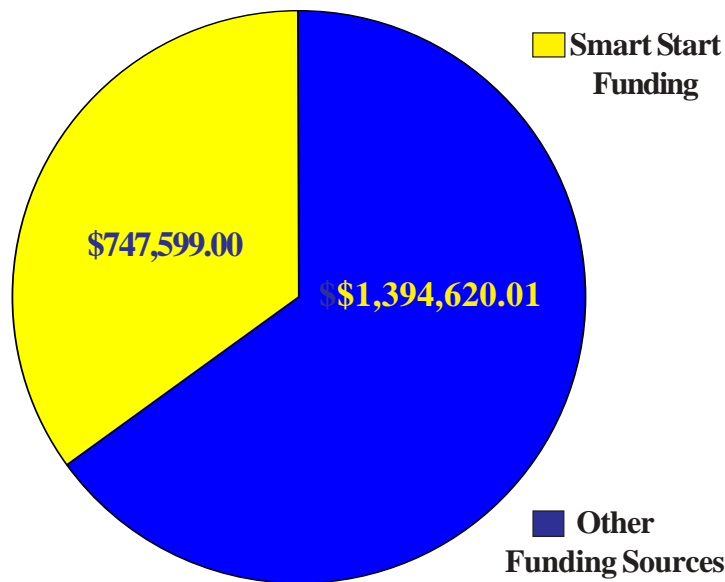
These facilities are to be commended for their attention to providing the highest quality of care to the children they serve. Partnership Executive Director Elaine Scarborough advises parents, "Be sure to know the star rating of the center or family home serving your child or grandchild. If you want the best for your child, choose a Four or Five Star facility."

For more information, call Child Care Resource and referral Director Kris Poplin at 704.694.4036.

## FY 2008-09 FINANCIAL REPORT

### Smart Start Funding

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Child Care Resources & Referral   | \$124,400.00        |
| Program Coordination & Evaluation | \$121,855.00        |
| Administration                    | \$118,275.00        |
| Parents As Teachers               | \$ 62,743.00        |
| Early Childhood Resource Center   | \$ 61,356.00        |
| Education Support                 | \$ 34,050.00        |
| More At Four                      | \$ 26,624.00        |
| Family Support                    | \$ 4,200.00         |
| State Contracts – Subsidy         | \$174,096.00        |
| State Contracts – Admin. Subsidy  | \$ 20,000.00        |
| <b>Smart Start Funding Total</b>  | <b>\$747,599.00</b> |



### Other Funding Sources

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| More At Four                             | \$844,000.00          |
| Support Our Students                     | \$ 71,914.00          |
| Adolescent Parenting Program             | \$ 43,982.00          |
| Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program        | \$ 39,504.21          |
| Child Care Connections                   | \$ 10,896.00          |
| Open Doors Project                       |                       |
| ■ Anonymous                              | \$ 10,000.00          |
| ■ Anson Bank & Trust                     | \$ 3,333.33           |
| Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign | \$ 5,000.00           |
| RICHES Grant                             | \$ 2,892.00           |
| Barn Blast                               | \$ 23,527.00          |
| Anson United Way                         | \$ 9,728.38           |
| Wadesboro Rotary Club                    | \$ 1,000.00           |
| Funds Carried Forward                    | \$328,843.09          |
| <b>Other Funding Total</b>               | <b>\$1,394,620.01</b> |

**GRAND TOTAL     \$2,142,219.01**

## ■ Literacy Projects ■

■ **Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library** is available free to all Anson County Children ages 0-5 . Currently there are **963 children** enrolled in the program. Children receive an age appropriate hard cover book via mail each month until their fifth birthday. Funding is provided by private donations, Anson United Way and Smart Start.

■ **Reading is Fundamental (RIF)** is a federal grant that allows ACPC to purchase books and distribute them to children birth through kindergarten. ACPC provides three book distributions throughout the year, one of which is held at the “Week of the Young Child” parade. Books are delivered to all Anson County Kindergartens, More at Four classrooms, child care facilities and family child care homes. Teachers receive a lesson plan that ties into the theme of the book distribution. Children are allowed to pick their own books to take home. Anson United Way provides the required match for RIF. **4,500 books** are distributed annually through the RIF program at the Partnership.

■ **First Book National Book Bank** provides books to organizations across the U.S. including a grant of **4,400 hardback books** worth \$73,163 to the Partnership. This grant was made possible through a generous donation to First Book from Random House Publishing Company. Using this grant, ACPC distributed over 1,800 copies of the book, *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* by Dr. Seuss to child care providers, pre-K, Kindergarten, first and second grade classrooms in Anson County in May 2009.

■ **Festivals and Community Events** — 4,144 books were distributed.

■ **In Fiscal Year 2008-09, ACPC distributed over 22,000 books to children in Anson County.**

## ACPC STAFF MEMBERS

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 Caroline Hightower, Family Support Assistant  
 Cindy Taylor-Lisenby, Proud Choices Coordinator  
 Christine Edwards & Judy Hildreth, Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC) Assistants

# Your Donations Make A Difference To Children

**D**onations to the Anson County Partnership for Children do make a difference in the lives of children; and is a great way to get involved in the community.

The Partnership relies on the gifts from individuals and businesses each year to further its mission of helping make Anson

County a better place to be a child and to raise a child. ACPC accepts donations of services, products and monetary contributions. All contributions are tax deductible.

The Partnership thanks the following individuals, businesses, churches and organizations for their donations:

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| Anson Apparel III                                   | Don and Barbara Altieri                   | Lacy's                                   | Senator Bill Purcell   |
| Anson Children's Center                             | Donna McNair                              | Leavitt Funeral Home                     | Sharon Ingram  |
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| Cape Fear Machine                                   | Holly A. Kiker,<br>Doctor's Vision Center | Parsons Drugs                            | Walmart  |
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**YOUNG CHILD PARADE** — The 2009 “Week of the Young Child” parade was held on April 21 in historic uptown Wadesboro. The parade theme was “Blocks Rock.” Children ages birth through kindergarten, their parents and child care providers participated in the celebration. Participants were encouraged to be creative with blocks, dress up in their favorite costumes and decorate their own “parade floats” using the theme of blocks. Each child who participated in the parade received a free child’s book.

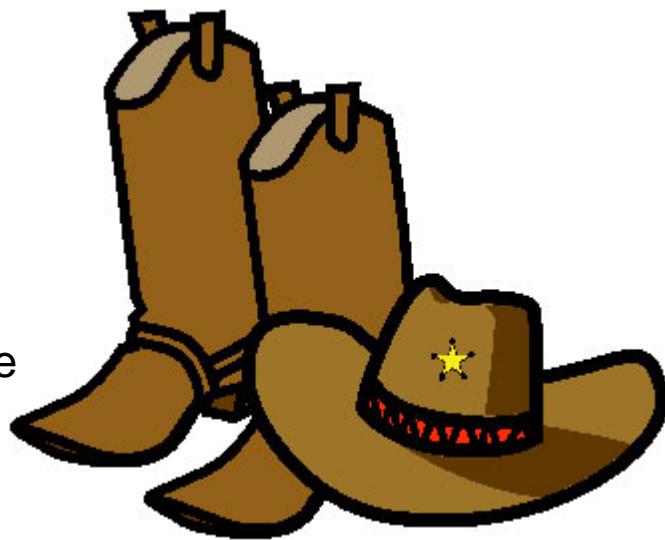
# Barn Blast 2010

Friday, January 29, 2010  
6:00-11:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale  
**October 10, 2009**

For more information or to purchase tickets call the Partnership

**704.694.4036**



All proceeds benefit children’s literacy initiatives in Anson County including Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library