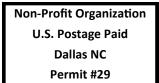


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**OUR MISSION** 

To lead, advocate, and collaborate with others to insure the well-being of children, ages birth to five

## **OUR VISION**

Communities where children, ages birth to five, reach their health, developmental, and educational potential and grow to be thriving adults

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#### **SUMMER 2017**

# **Partnership Press**

# New Reach Out & Read Site

At Piedmont Adult and Pediatrics Medicine Associates the Reach Out & Read (ROR) program officially started January 30, 2017. They became the Partnership's second ROR Program in Gaston County. Approximately 420 books have been distributed to children at their well-child visits over the last 5 months! Thanks to the doctors and staff at Piedmont Adult and Pediatrics Medicine Associates for their efforts over the last few months to engage children and their parents in Early Literacy.

Each participating ROR medical practice provides free books to children ages six months to five years old. As part of every well-child visit, each age-appropriate book is read by the doctor or nurse with the child and family member(s). A prescription is also given to the family member(s) to read regularly with their child. ROR is designed to promote early literacy and to encourage family members to read to their children. ROR's mission is to prepare America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together.



Pictured above is Dr. John Scheitler with Piedmont Adult & Pediatric Medicine Associates.



### **Reflecting on Spring Events**

During the months of April and May of 2017, the Partnership participated in several community events in Lincoln and Gaston Counties. At each of these events, the Partnership promoted awareness of its services and distributed books to children. These events included: The Community Foundation Run, Easter Egg Hunt at Betty G. Ross Park, Gaston Safe Kids Day, A Place to Grow Spring Fling, Convoy of Hope-Gaston, Lincoln Safe Kids Day, and Community Empowerment at Mt. Zion Restoration Church. We are most thankful for the opportunity to serve children and families in our community with these events! See photos from events below!

















# Celebrating Week of the Young Child™



The Partnership participated in Week of the Young Child™ (WOYC) during the last week of April 2017 to celebrate our youngest learners. Our Public Information Coordinator, Tabitha Whetstine, transformed into Super Girl and set out on a mission to read aloud at our child care centers to promote early literacy!





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