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## SAVE THE DATE: Run for the Money '10



The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties is participating in Run for the Money 8 that will take place on April 17 from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Rotary Pavilion in Gastonia.

The eighth annual fundraiser is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Gaston County for nonprofits and consists of a run/walk and a chance for donors to give to our cause!

The Community Foundation will be accepting donations on behalf of the Partnership until 5 p.m. Friday, April 23. There is no set percentage for the match, that amount is a ratio between the funds raised for the individual non-profit and the Match Fund. Donations are tax-deductible.

This year the Partnership will be using the funds to support the Partnership for Children's Resource library for child care providers. This may include books, games and laminating materials.

### WANT TO GIVE?

Make your check payable to the Community Foundation of Gaston County, Inc. Mail it to, P.O. Box 123, Gastonia, NC 28053 with a completed donor form. Donations must be made by check, cashiers check or money order. No cash, please.

### WANT TO RUN OR WALK?

There is a 5K run and a 2K walk. It is \$15 to participate in the 5K Run, \$20 after April 9, \$25 on Run Day. There is no fee for the 2K Walk.

### Donor forms can be found at:

- All Gaston County Library locations
- Published in the Gaston Gazette on April 10 and 16
- The Community Foundation, 1201 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia ([www.cfgaston.org](http://www.cfgaston.org))
- The Partnership for Children office, 3146 Dallas-High Shoals Hwy., Dallas

## SEE YOU ON RACE DAY!

Information booth about the Partnership for Children will be present.

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## PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN ACCEPTS GENEROUS DONATION FROM PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP



The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties is pleased to announce the generous donation of \$1,000 from Pepsi Bottling Group in Cherryville. Mark Begley, Unit Sales Manager with Pepsi Bottling Group said they wanted to get involved to help a great cause. "I hope this is the first of many donations," Begley said. "We feel that the children of the counties we service are our most important asset for the future of our communities." The donation was provided by the Pepsi Bottling Group WINs (We Are Involved Neighbors) Program, which provides grants to non-profit organizations that Pepsi's employees support. Steve Eaton, Executive Director for the Partnership for Children is excited about partnering with the Pepsi Bottling Group and looks forward to achieving great things for the children of Gaston and Lincoln counties. "We are honored and appreciative of Pepsi's generosity and their corporate recognition that an investment in the young children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties is an investment in the leadership and economic future of both counties," Eaton said.

## Week of the Young Child is April 11-17, 2010!

Mark your calendars. The Week of the Young Child is April 11-17 and highlights the importance of quality care and education for young children. The annual celebration is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

This year's theme is, "Early Years Are Learning Years." This week is an opportunity to reach out to communities and families to emphasize the role that adults play in giving children the foundation needed to succeed in school.

For more information visit the NAEYC website at, [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org).



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## FY 2009 ANNUAL REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Partnership is proud to present the accomplishments achieved in another year.

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties FY2009 Annual Reports are now available. Pick up locations are The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties office, The Gaston County Chamber of Commerce, The Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce and The Montcross Area Chamber of Commerce.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: A HUGE SUCCESS



Over 200 people attended the 27th Annual Mid-Winter Conference: A Day in the Life of A Child at Gaston College March 6. Childhood professionals enjoyed a day filled with workshops and a chance to visit several vendor booths, including Kaplan Early Learning Company and the Partnership for Children.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Early Childhood Professionals of Gaston/Lincoln Counties will hold their 15th annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet at City Café in Mount Holly on April 15, 2010 at 6 p.m. The banquet will recognize those who work in child care. Awards that will be handed out include: the Caring Award, the Achievement Award, the Pioneer Award, the Thanks Award, the Storybook Award and the Service Award.

Nomination forms are being accepted for these awards. If you would like a form, contact Michelle Lewis at Bright Futures Learning Center, 704-824-3194. Information about tickets for this event will be announced in the near future.



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To serve as a leading advocate and financial resource, in collaboration with other community agencies, to provide affordable access to high quality services for young children.

## OUR VISION

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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