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## Family Spooktacular a Success!

Success indeed! Where else can you find Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles mixed with all the Disney Princesses? You can find it at the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties (Partnership) seventh annual Family Spooktacular. On Saturday, October 31, 2015, approximately 2,000 children and community members came out to enjoy activities like trunk or treat, face painting and the fitness trail.

Spooktacular is held at the beautiful WoodMill Festival Grounds in Vale. The local ambulance, fire truck and Inmate Transport Van returned again this year to educate children as well as the Tumblebus and Seamore, a fun-tastic inflatable provided by Twist and Tuck in Lincoln. The fitness trail was back and 1,000 books were handed out after the completion of the short hike. Don't forget about lunch! Free hotdogs were provided to all patrons!

The event was geared toward families with young children and helped raise awareness of the Partnership's services. This festival is why we at the Partnership serve as an advocate in our community to assure young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

Spooktacular has grown in leaps and bounds every year and many families have made it their tradition to attend. Seeing the families come together, dressed in costumes and smiles, is truly what makes the Spooktacular such a success.

The event is also a great way to educate parents about the various Smart Start funded projects such as, the Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center, the Very Important Parents Program, and the Child Care Health Consultants from Lincoln and Gaston Counties.

We would like to say a special thank you to our Sponsors that helped make our event a success! They are:  
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Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide 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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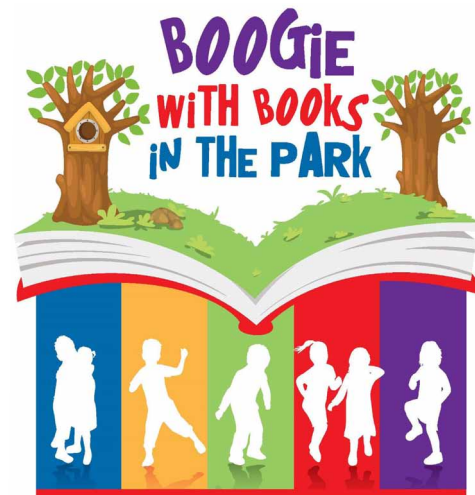
## Congratulations to our Smart TV winner!

The Partnership announced that Dr. Cordell Scott of Lincolnton is the raffle winner of a Samsung 46" LED Smart TV. Money from the raffle will support early childhood literacy.

Pictured is Michael Linker, Executive Director of the Partnership and Dr. Cordell Scott of Lincolnton. Congratulations Dr. Scott!



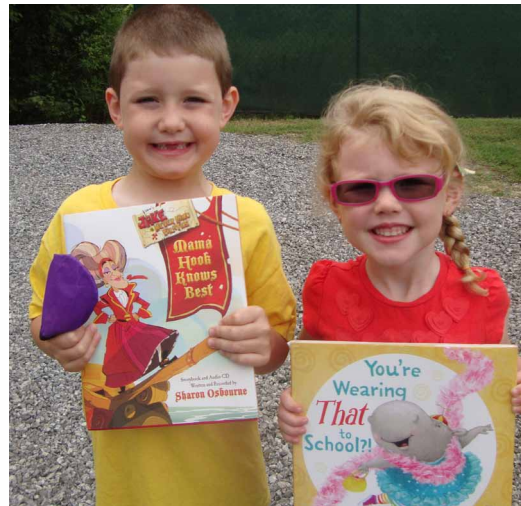
## Boogie with Book Events



The Phillips Recreation Center - July 18, 2015



Healthy Together Kid's Health Day at the Lincoln County YMCA - Aug. 29, 2015



National Night Out at Biggerstaff Park - Aug. 4, 2015



Getting books into the hands of children is a very important step towards future literacy. All children at our events took a book home. We will continue to provide books to families and encourage the importance of reading at home.

## Apple Festival Sept. 19, 2015



## Child Care Health Consultant-Gaston County

Health, safety and nutritional needs are just three of the issues Child Care Health Consultants help improve in Lincoln and Gaston child care facilities. Health Consultant, Christine Rosinski, loves working with children and noted, "my background is in pediatrics and working with children, seeing that they receive all the benefits they need to succeed, makes my job very rewarding." The Health Consultant's job is a critical component to child care centers and homes to ensure model policies are being implemented as well as provide technical assistance and training to facilities. As a Health Consultant she responds to all requested trainings and visitations to all the licensed child care centers, family care homes and NC Pre-K sites in Gaston County. Through on-site consultations, consultations by phone and professional trainings/workshops, she is prepared to offer insight for important topics such as sudden infant death syndrome, emergency preparedness, oral health and handwashing.

Trainings are provided free of charge for the child care centers/homes. They help implement state-recommended health and safety policies and ensure that teaching staff implement them on a daily basis. This program is administered by the Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services and is funded by the Partnership.

There are many trainings available to child care centers and homes such as communicable diseases and immunizations, diapering procedures/sanitation, head lice or breastfeeding friendly childcare.

Find out more information by contacting Rosinski at 704-862-6116 or at her office located at 991 W. Hudson Blvd., Gastonia.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS



**Congratulations to the following Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes for increasing or maintaining their Star Rating from 1/1/2015-12/31/2015:**

### Increased star rating:

ABCD Explorers - 4 star  
Little Einsteins Preschool - 4 star  
Little Hearts & Hands - 3 star  
Love's Child Care - 3 star  
Long Shoals Wesleyan - 3 star

### Maintained 5 star rating:

Bright Futures  
Brown's Little Shepherds  
Chesterbrook Academy  
Childcare Network #144  
New Horizons  
Precious Times  
The Learning Express  
Woods World

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All About Me  
A Toddler Tech  
Kiddie Tot Child Care  
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