

**CABARRUS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, December 4, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus Partnership for Children held its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 12 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. Robbie Furr presided over the meeting.

**The following board members were present:**

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| 1. Hilary Smith            | Services           |
| 2. Rose Staples Deese      | Community/Business |
| 3. Robert Furr             | Government         |
| 4. Denisha Torrence-Nesbit | Government         |
| 5. Cheryl Kelling          | Community/Business |
| 6. Yolanda Simms           | Community Business |
| 7. Steve Morris            | Government         |
| 8. Kim Kane                | Services           |
| 9. Joseph Houston          | Community/Business |
| 10. Karen Calhoun          | Government         |
| 11. Jackie Whitfield       | Services           |

**Quorum was established**

**The following staff members were present:** Ann Benfield, Stephanie Bynum, Lyne Goode, Patricia Sehorn, Lauren Westin, Ariel Ayers, Jamie Clark, and Debra Pless.

**The following guests and community partners were also represented:**

<i>All Saints Episcopal Church</i>	<i>Creative Counseling &amp; Learning</i>	<i>Massena Solutions</i>
<i>Amazing Grace Advocacy</i>	<i>Solutions</i>	<i>McGill Baptist Church</i>
<i>Cabarrus County Commissioners</i>	<i>Department of Health and Human Service</i>	<i>McKnight Child Development Center</i>
<i>Cabarrus County DSS</i>	<i>Division of Public Health</i>	<i>NC Works Career Center</i>
<i>Cabarrus Health Alliance</i>	<i>Endless Opportunities</i>	<i>NorthEast Foundation</i>
<i>Cabarrus Meals on Wheels</i>	<i>Esther's Heart</i>	<i>Office of Representative Richard Hudson – Georgia</i>
<i>Cannon School</i>	<i>Evaluation Innovations</i>	<i>Lozier</i>
<i>Cardinal Innovation Healthcare Solutions</i>	<i>Families First in Cabarrus County</i>	<i>Office of Senator Thom Tillis – Elizabeth Edwards</i>
<i>Carolinas Healthcare System – Northeast</i>	<i>Family Support Network of Southern Piedmont</i>	<i>Partnership for Crime Victims</i>
<i>Child Developmental Services Agency (CDSA)</i>	<i>GEM Theater</i>	<i>Perry Productions</i>
<i>Concord City Government</i>	<i>Hilbish Ford</i>	<i>Safe Kids Cabarrus</i>
<i>Community Care of Southern Piedmont</i>	<i>Kannapolis City Schools</i>	<i>St. James Lutheran Church</i>
<i>Cooperative Christian Ministry</i>	<i>Law Office of Laura M. Baker</i>	<i>The Sunshine House</i>
<i>Country Law Shack</i>	<i>Law Office of Rose M. Staples Deese</i>	<i>Thompson Child &amp; Family Focus</i>
	<i>Logan Child Development Center</i>	<i>UNC Charlotte</i>

Robbie Furr thanked The Cabarrus Early Childhood Foundation and the Early Childhood Community Partners for sponsoring the Voices of Children Luncheon and introduced Rev. Nancy Cox who opened the meeting with prayer. All served themselves lunch as they arrived.

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone, recognized elected officials, individuals and organizations present, directed guests to review the Partnership's Annual Report and items on the table

**Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award**

Robbie Furr introduce Jamie Barnes to present the Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children award. The recipient was Starla Hatley and she was unable to attend, but video slides were shown, because Ann Benfield presented the award to Starla on November 20<sup>th</sup> at a meeting at Community Care of Southern Piedmont.

**Special Guest**

Ann Benfield introduced our special guest, Arath Navarrete, a former student in NCPK now currently a junior in high school. He shared about his journey through school and also shared how much the NCPK program helped him in his journey.

Ann Benfield also thanked and presented a gift to Miguel Arredondo for designing the invitation for the Voices for Children Luncheon.

Robbie Furr shared information about the Partnership's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thanked partners for their support and help of the years.

Robbie Furr shared with partners the need for private donations and the limitations of state funding. He wished them all a happy holiday season.

Without any other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Benfield, Executive Director