

**CABARRUS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, December 5, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus Partnership for Children held its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 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. Gale Coor | Government |
| 2. Ginny Amendum | Community/Business |
| 3. Rob Betler | Community/Business |
| 4. Hilary Smith | Services |
| 5. Maureen O'Bryan | Services |
| 6. Rose Staples Deese | Community/Business |
| 7. Robert Furr | Government |
| 8. Jeanne Dixon | Community/Business |
| 9. Denisha Torrence-Nesbit | Government |

Quorum was established

These board members were absent:

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| 1. Yolanda Simms | Community/Business |
| 2. Steve Morris | Government |
| 3. Amos McClorey | Services |

The following staff members were present: Ann Benfield, Stephanie Bynum, Lyne Goode, Elizabeth Albright, Ariel Ayers, Jamie Clark, Debra Pless and Melissa Jones.

The following guests and community partners were also represented:

*All Saints Episcopal Church
Amazing Grace Advocacy
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Cabarrus County Commissioners
Cabarrus County Early Childhood Foundation
Cabarrus County Government
Cabarrus County Dept. Human Services
Cabarrus County Schools
Cabarrus County Cooperative Extension
Cabarrus Health Alliance
Cardinal Innovation Healthcare Solutions
Carolinas Healthcare System – Northeast
CDI-Head Start
Centralina Workforce Center
Child Developmental Services Agency (CDSA)
Concord City Council
Concord City Government
City of Concord Fire & Safety
Community Care of Southern Piedmont
Cooperative Christian Ministry
Country Law Shack
Early Childhood Foundation of Cabarrus County
Endless Opportunities
Esther's Heart
Faith Community Health Ministry
Families First in Cabarrus County
Family Support Network of Southern Piedmont
First Presbyterian Church
Healthy Cabarrus
Hope Center – The Refuge
Kannapolis City Schools Kids
Law Office of Rose M. Staples Deese
Lockhart Early Learning Center
Logan Child Development Center*

McGill Baptist Church
McKnight Head Start
Mental Health America
NAACP
NC Senator Paul Newton
Northeast Foundation
Office of Representative Richard Hudson – Georgia Lozier
Office of Senator Richard Burr – Josh Ward
Office of Senator Thom Tillis – Elizabeth Edwards
Perry Productions
RACE Together
Safe Kids Cabarrus
Stanly County Community College
St. James Lutheran Church
The Sunshine House
Thompson Child & Family Focus
UNC Charlotte
United Way of Central Carolinas

Robbie Furr thanked The Cabarrus Early Childhood Foundation, Hilbish Ford, and Ellis Jewelers for sponsoring the Voices of Children Luncheon and introduced Jackie Whitfield 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 made these special announcements:

- Aurora Swain was awarded the National Parent Educator of the Year Award at the National PAT Conference on November 30, 2017. Aurora is with Families First in Cabarrus County and provides the Partnership's Parents as Teachers Program
- Ann announced the Dolly Parton Imagination Library has come to Cabarrus County and thanked Senator Paul Newton for his support in Raleigh for providing funding to take this literacy program throughout NC. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library mailed books to children under 5 years old if the parents registers the child on line. Ann asked partners to help enroll 7500 children in Cabarrus County by June 30, 2018.
- Ann announced the Annual Cuddle Up Coat Drive was going on and shared flier of all the dropped locations for new or gently used coats. She also invited everyone to the Parkas 'n Pints Cuddle Up Coat Drive event Friday, December 8, 2017 at the Cabarrus Brewing Company.
- Ann also share information about the Cabarrus Racial Equity group special training on February 10, 2018 at the Davis Theater in downtown Concord.

2016 Ann Laukaitis Award

There was a tie for the 2017 Ann Laukaitis Champion for Children Award, so the board decided to award both nominees, because of their outstanding service in Cabarrus County.

Paula Yost presented the first 2017 Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award to Andrea King from Esther's Heart and Nathalie Means Henderson presented the second 2017 Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award to her mother, Wilma King Means.

Special Message

A video story from Families First of Cabarrus County was presented of Ibenize Ivanize Galeane. The video was done by Molly Bynum. After the short video, Jeanne Dixon asked the audience to consider support child and families programs at the Partnership.

Robbie Furr encouraged everyone to give and thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Benfield, Executive Director