

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY



Getting children ready for school.



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Annual Report

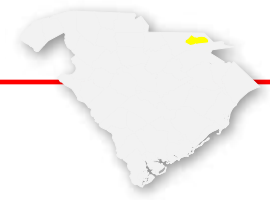
2015-16



OUR VISION:

Every child will arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY



By The Numbers

| Indicator | SC | Chesterfield County |
|--|---------|---------------------|
| Children Under Five | 289,990 | 2,655 |
| Children In Poverty | 26.4% | 35.0% |
| 3 rd Graders Below Standard in Reading | 21.1% | 21.9% |
| Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Diploma | 15.7% | 22.5% |

KIDS COUNT data provided by



- Since inception, Chesterfield County First Steps has leveraged \$2,301,390 from sources outside state government. **That's \$.74 for every dollar received.**
- Improved parenting practices through **Incredible Years Parent Workshops.**
 - All reported that the problems that originally prompted them to take this program for their child were either improved or greatly improved.
 - All found the majority of the Incredible Years techniques to be effective in changing their child's behavior
- **Total Children Served in FY16: 216**

Chesterfield County First Steps

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Board Chair

Amelia Clontz

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Chesterfield County First Steps

Karen Martini

Executive Director

In Service to Children

Over the course of the past year, Chesterfield County First Steps (CCFS) continued to expand its programs and services for young children and their families. Building on the foundation of established community partnerships, CCFS was able to directly serve and more effectively connect children and families to resources that are essential to a child's health, well-being and school readiness.

Through our partnerships and our emerging childhood system network, CCFS began conversations that set in motion plans for new collaborations to enhance health care and child care in our communities.

Our communities' support for and engagement in our work for children make CCFS's progress possible. The investment in the future of our children by our business, education and faith community partners does and will continue to determine our ability to achieve our mission.

The uncertain future of First Steps – as signified by the organization's failure to achieve passage of multi-year reauthorization legislation, by related bureaucratic maneuvers to de-emphasize early childhood education in our state and by ill-informed attempts to dismantle the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Initiative – will soon begin to concern all our partners and collaborators.

This year, there is no more important issue for the future of early childhood education in South Carolina than the passage of legislation that will provide stability, guidance and resources for First Steps. Effective and accessible early childhood programs and services are not established in a week or a month or even a year. If our community partners cannot depend on the long term commitment of the First Steps, they will not continue to invest in our work.

Our children and our communities deserve a long-term public commitment to education equality. We stay steadfast in our dedication to meet the needs of our young children



Healthy Start



Family Strengthening



Early Intervention



Quality Child Care



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What We Do

Each of the six color blocks of the First Steps logo represents a core area of service, outlining our comprehensive strategy to prepare children for long-term school success.

With **measurable outcomes across each of its six school readiness strategy areas**, First Steps is getting results.



Healthy Start

We begin with a focus on providing a healthy start to life. This includes prenatal and post-partum services for both mother and baby. In 2007, First Steps collaborated with key philanthropic and agency partners to bring Nurse-Family Partnership to SC having a significant impact on reducing premature births and Medicaid costs.



Quality Childcare

Quality childcare starts with quality childcare providers. Our quality enhancement and training strategies lead to improved teacher-student interaction, which research shows has a significant impact on a child's development and success in school.



Family Strengthening

Our home visitation strategies, such as Parents as Teachers, Parent-Child Home and Early Steps to School Success, are helping parents understand their responsibilities to care for and be positive models for their children. As a result of First Steps' intervention and parenting support, 66% of clients initially assessed at "low" levels of parenting have achieved moderate or high levels of parenting skill.



Early Education

Private-public partnerships through First Steps 4K have led to significant cost efficiencies in the delivery of publicly funded 4K. One recent analysis suggests First Steps is achieving comparable results, without the need for costly capital construction, for 80 cents on the dollar.



Early Intervention

According to recent federal evaluations, outcomes for clients participating in BabyNet early intervention programs are above national averages. BabyNet matches the special needs of infants and toddlers who have disabilities and/or developmental delays with customized, community-based resources.



School Transition

Each of the corresponding blocks of services leads ultimately to the goal of transitioning children successfully to school. Programs like Countdown to Kindergarten and From Day One to Grade One are ultimately preparing children for school success.

Based on the needs of our community, Chesterfield County First Steps focuses its investments in Family Strengthening and Healthy Start.

Parents play a critical role in their child’s development.

Program Description

The Incredible Years program is an evidence-based curriculum that is designed to promote positive parenting strategies and to assist parents in managing children’s behavioral challenges. The program includes:

1. Group Sessions once weekly in Pageland and Cheraw;
2. Content of this 12-14 week curriculum includes play, positive reinforcement, limit-setting, nonphysical discipline alternatives, problem solving, effective communication skills, and supporting children's education;
3. The group therapy process focuses on empowering parents, collaborating, dealing with resistance, and supporting and advocating for parents. This program is used by professionals (such as therapists and parent educators) who are working with parents or caregivers of young parenting practices

We serve families in greatest need. Among our Incredible Years families:

- 100% ... live in poverty
- 50% ... didn't graduate from high school
- 25% ... were teen parents



Pictured above is one group of proud parents who completed the sessions in Pageland.

The Value of the Program can be found in the words of the people who experience them...

This program really opened my eyes to a better style of parenting. Focusing more on the positive than the negatives. I can be more calm and take things one step and one behavior at a time. This has been a wonderful experience and I encourage everyone to take this course.

Incredible Years by the Numbers 2015-16

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|--|-------------|----------------|
| Families Served | 14 | |
| Children Served | 28 | |
| Total Group Sessions | 33 | |
| Hours Spent Serving Families | 80 | |
| The Eyberg Child Behavior Inventory was utilized to measure changes in child behavior. A decrease in T scores indicates improvement. | Pre 55.8 | Post 44.8 🤗 |

The Eyberg Child Behavior Inventory indicates an overall decrease in problem behavior at the end of the 12 week sessions.

This year, our Incredible Years program:

This year, in our Incredible Years program:

- ✓ 100% of parents showed improvement in multiple dimensions of positive parenting practices at the program’s completion.
- ✓ 100% of children showed improvement in multiple areas of behaviors on the Eyberg Child Behavior Inventory.

Thank you to our partners!

Petersburg & Cheraw Primary Schools
Pageland and Cheraw Head Start

Chesterfield County First Steps
100 West Main Street
Chesterfield, SC 29709
843.623.5904

Blessings Resource Center®

A Community Partnership to Strengthen Families

Blessings Resource Center® (BRC)

Program Description

Blessings Resource Center (BRC), in concert with community partners and collaborating agencies, provides families in need with food and with access to a broad array of assistance services and information.

Located on the campus of First Baptist Church of Pageland, BRC employs a holistic approach to family assistance, not only meeting immediate nutritional needs but also providing comprehensive assistance information and making spiritual guidance available to those who express such a need. BRC distributes emergency food and provides access to assistance by identifying appropriate resources and helping initiate the process for securing those resources through The Benefit Bank program.



Pictured above are some of our most faithful volunteers.



Volunteers sorted, shelved and distributed more than 30,000 lbs. (15 tons) of food last

- Approximately **300** households participated in BRC services
- **30,738** Total Pounds of Food Distributed
(does not include some non-nutritional heavier items such as water, toiletries)
- **92** children birth to five were impacted by families visiting the BRC
- 97% from Chesterfield County
- 20% Reside in home of friend or relative
- 6% Receive Section 8 or subsidized housing
- 62% Receive Food stamps
- 46% Have Medicaid
- 29% Have Medicare
- 4% Are Veterans

While average total income (*INCLUDING Food Stamps, SSI and other assistance,*) totals a mere \$9,880 a year or **\$823 per month**, after housing, utilities, medical, and other expenses, net income dwindled to \$258 per month average.

Thank you to our partners!

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Imagination Library



Children’s reading scores improve dramatically when parents are involved in helping them learn to read.

Program Description

According to the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, the peak period for brain development related to language is around **nine months of age. One of the easiest and most effective ways to build this capacity in young children’s brains is to read to them.**

Chesterfield County First Steps is the local sponsor of Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides free, age-appropriate books to children age birth to 5 years. Operated by the Dollywood Foundation, Imagination Library is currently in more than 1,600 communities internationally and mails books to about 700,000 children each month.

Children who register with Chesterfield First Steps receive one book per month by mail through the month of their fifth birthday. Each book is carefully selected by a committee of educational specialists.



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”— Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!”

Imagination Library by the Numbers, 2015-16

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Children Served | 18 |
| Books Given to Children 0-5 | 153 |

This year, our Imagination Library program:

- ✓ Provided one book per month to 18 children.
- ✓ Received donations from the Malloy Foundation, Mary Redfearn (CCFS Board Member) Cheraw Rotary Club, & Gamma Omicron Chapter/Delta Kamma



Want to help us provide books to the many more children who need them?
 Sponsor a child for just \$30 a year!
 Chesterfield County First Steps is a nonprofit organization

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Blessings In A Backpack



Nutrition is fundamental to school readiness. Studies have repeatedly confirmed that children participating in weekend nutrition programs show improvement in attendance, behavior, academic achievement and overall health.

Program Description

Blessings in a Backpack is a weekend nutrition program that provides nutritious, easy to prepare food for the forty 4K students and their siblings at Petersburg Primary in Pageland. Each week during the school year, volunteers pack backpacks with food for the children to ensure that their nutritional needs can be met over the weekends.

Chesterfield County First Steps has partnered with members of the Pageland faith, business and education communities to fund, organize and staff the program.

Seven Pageland churches and the Presbytery of Charlotte have joined with First Steps to provide the majority of the funding for Blessings in a Backpack and members of the local congregations make up the volunteer groups (72 volunteers) that pack the backpacks throughout the school year.

Volunteers are from 5 churches: First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, High Point Baptist Church, Providence Baptist Church, & Wolf Pond Baptist Church.

BackPack by the Numbers, 2015-16

Teachers & Parents See Positive Changes

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Number of Children served: | 78 |
| Parents were surveyed and reported: | 52% of parents reported occasionally <i>not</i> having sufficient food to feed their children; 10% reported frequently running out of food. |

Children are showing improvements.

Concentration

79% of the teachers reported seeing that most of the children have shown improvement in attentiveness.

Physical Appearance

61% reported that most of the children had shown some improvement in their physical appearance.

Attendance

93% have seen some improvement in attendance rates.

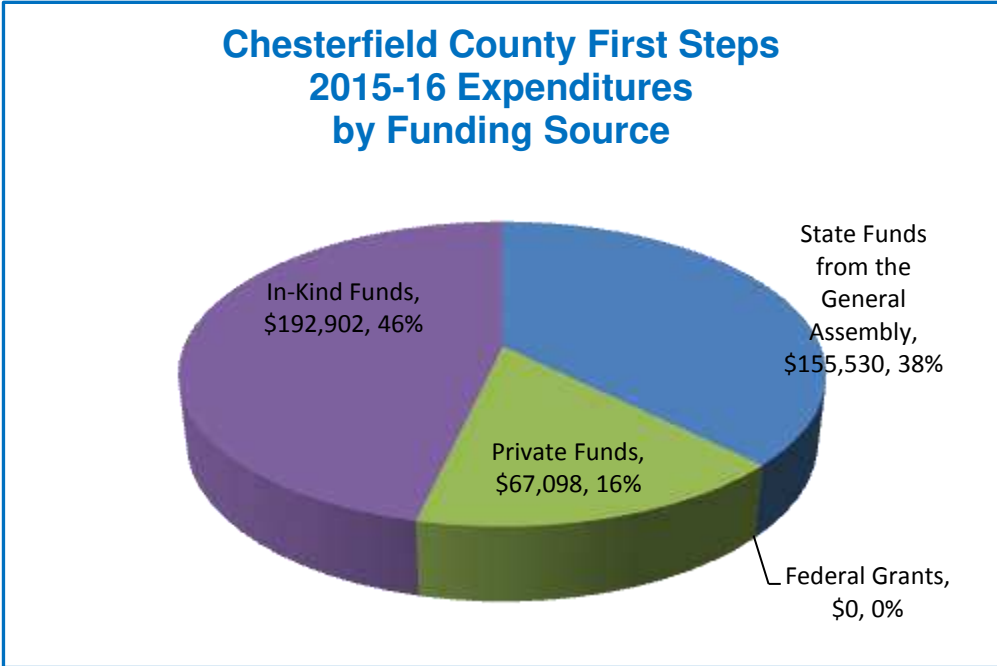


Thank you to our partners!

Our faithful Volunteers and Donors are acknowledged on

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Financial Impact



Total 2015-16 Expenditures: \$415,529

State Funds Leveraged in 2015-16*: 167%

*Percentage of state dollars matched by additional federal, private, and/or in-kind funds

2015-16 Expenditures by Strategy

| | State \$ | Federal \$ | Private \$ | In-Kind \$ | Total \$ | % of 2015-16 Expenditures |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Blessings Resource Center (portal) | \$0 | \$0 | \$29,231 | \$128,389 | \$157,620 | 38% |
| Parenting (Incredible Years) | \$70,167 | \$0 | \$7,807 | \$40,160 | \$118,134 | 28% |
| Imagination Library | | | \$408 | \$0 | \$408 | 0% |
| Nutrition (Blessings in a Backpack) | \$12,298 | \$0 | \$15,771 | \$10,240 | \$38,309 | 9% |
| Program Support | \$45,456 | \$0 | \$12,933 | \$14,112 | \$72,501 | 17% |
| Administrative Support | \$27,609 | \$0 | \$947 | \$0 | \$28,556 | 7% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$155,530 | \$0 | \$67,098 | \$192,901 | \$415,529 | |

Unaudited numbers for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Since inception, Chesterfield County First Steps has leveraged \$2,301,390 from sources outside of state government. That's 74 cents for every state dollar.

The Reach of Our Community Portal

Blessings Resource Center

In the course of the past fiscal year, CCFS expanded the reach of our community portal for connecting young children and their families to services that are essential to children's health, well-being and school readiness.

Building on a solid foundation made possible by the strong support of the business and faith communities and of hundreds of donors and volunteers, Blessings Resource Center, CCFS's community partnership to strengthen families, increased the number of families served, broadened our local collaborations and enhanced the range of services provided.

Working with the education community and a developing childhood system our efforts have set in motion plans for new collaborations to enhance accessible health care, quality child care and early learning opportunities in our communities.

Our focus remains creating an environment where all the critical needs of our county's young children will be met and where healthy, well-prepared children can thrive in school and in life.



First Steps Partnership Board

Chesterfield County First Steps Board Leadership

The CCFS Board of Directors exemplifies the kind of community enterprise that meets challenges head on to achieve the desired results. Each time the CCFS board meets, there is a convergence of our county’s education, health, business, faith and civic communities that is dedicated to the sole purpose of ensuring that all our children reach first grade ready to learn and succeed.

This group of committed volunteers carries our message and our mission to the schools, the offices, the factories, the pulpits and the living rooms of Chesterfield County. They also bring the ideas, the input and the concerns of the community for children’s issues into the CCFS board room for discussion, evaluation and inclusion in our plans, programs and services.

We are grateful for their dedication to our community, commitment to progress and devotion to children. They help make First Steps work.

| Name | Position | Board Category |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Ms. Amelia Clontz, Chair | Community Activist | Philanthropic Community |
| Mr. Ryan Cagle, Vice Chair | Manager Walmart | Business Community |
| Dr. Joel Dale, Secretary | Pastor First Baptist Church | Faith Community |
| Dr. Ernest Winburn, Treasurer | Retired Pastor and Author | Faith Community |
| Ms. Treacy Bozard | Occupational Therapist –CC Schools | Parent |
| Ms. Karen Brock | Chamber of Commerce/Career Specialist | Business Community |
| Ms. Myrtis Burr | Interim County Library System Director | Library System Designee |
| Mr. Marek Calhoun | CareSouth Carolina Community Development | Health Provider |
| Ms. Mary Chapman | Paralegal | DSS Designee |
| Dr. Harrison Goodwin | Superintendent -CCSD | CCSD Designee |
| Ms. Sherry Hancock | Exec. Assistant CHESCO | Nonprofit |
| Ms. Pearline Hutto | Retired Educator | Local Government |
| Ms. Edwina Moody | Agency Nurse Manager-DHEC | DHEC Designee |
| Ms. Mary Redfearn | Retired Early Childhood Educator | Pre-K Educator |
| Ms. Carrie Turner | Director of Chesterfield-Marlboro Head Start | Head Start Director |
| Ms. Robbin Usher | Special Ed Teacher | Primary Educator |
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Getting children ready for school.

The Goals of First Steps

- (1) provide parents with access to the support they might seek and want** to strengthen their families and to promote the optimal development of their preschool children;
- (2) increase comprehensive services** so children have reduced risk for major physical, developmental, and learning problems;
- (3) promote high-quality preschool programs** that provide a healthy environment that will promote normal growth and development;
- (4) provide services** so all children receive the protection, nutrition, and health care needed to thrive in the early years of life so they arrive at school ready to succeed; and
- (5) mobilize communities** to focus efforts on providing enhanced services to support families and their young children so as to enable every child to reach school healthy and ready to succeed.

-- Section 59-152-30



Interested parents can contact any participating 4K providers to complete an application. To view a list of participating First Steps 4K providers, visit:

<http://scfirststeps.org/4k>



BabyNet

South Carolina's Early Intervention System

BabyNet in Chesterfield County:

Chesterfield County School District 103 Wexford Street
Ruby, SC 29741 Main Line: 843-634-6676

<http://scfirststeps.org/babynet/>

Blessings Resource Center In-Kind Support

| Name of Donor | Dollar Value Given |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Anonymous | 266.6 |
| Baker, Sunnie | 98.56 |
| Bethany Church | 586.43 |
| Bi-Lo I Can Food Drive | 2,585.62 |
| Briar, Larry | 139.39 |
| Cagle, Ryan | 36.61 |
| Caldwell, Randel | 2,797.06 |
| Cato, Amy | 48 |
| Cato Memorial-Pageland United Meth. | 500 |
| Chesterfield Church of God | 196.24 |
| Clark, Jarrod M. | 175 |
| Clontz, Joe and Amelia | 50.75 |
| Coffey, Myra | 88.6 |
| David, Catherine | 44.88 |
| Delarn, Genevieve | 60 |
| Dollar General | 147 |
| Doster, Edith | 20 |
| Dudley Baptist Church | 100.32 |
| Elliott, AW and Sue | 114.12 |
| First Baptist Church | 3,434.97 |
| First Citizens Bank | 77.44 |
| First Presbyterian Church | 3,112.42 |
| Foard, Adam | 162 |
| Food Lion | 275.62 |
| Freeman, Shawn (Freeman's Video) | 902.9 |
| Funderburk, Judy | 215.79 |
| Funderburk, Sam | 25 |
| Galilee Baptist Church | 102.43 |
| Garden Club | 109.12 |
| Griffin, Tim | 30 |
| Hancock, Calvin | 175 |
| Helen Arant Group | 174.24 |
| High Point Baptist Church | 2,013.79 |
| Horton, Martha | 44.64 |
| Howard, Stacey | 10 |
| IGA of Pageland | 12.32 |
| J and J Farms, Inc | 714.56 |
| Jefferson Church | 248.16 |
| Jefferson Town Hall | 51.74 |
| Jenkins, Lorraine | 10 |
| Johnson, Nate and Dawn | 38 |
| KARE | 1,500.00 |
| Keeling, Larry and Brenda | 154.17 |
| Kerns, Jackin | 33.44 |
| Kiker, Luella | 114.05 |
| Kirkley, Dawn | 36.96 |
| Knight, Johnny | 44.57 |
| Lamb of God Outreach | 105.6 |
| Lee, Glenda | 100 |
| Lewis, Juanita | 97 |
| Liberty Hill Baptist Church | 246.04 |
| Lynches River | 889.85 |
| Mangum, Julie | 905.23 |
| Martini, Karen | 163 |

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Blessings Resource Center In-Kind Support

| Name of Donor | Dollar Value Given |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Miles, Leary and Joyce | 25 |
| Miller, Betty | 27 |
| Miller, Doris | 12 |
| Miller, Lucie | 17.95 |
| Mills, Richard | 71.45 |
| Moore, Nancy | 14.08 |
| Moore, Robert | 45.76 |
| Mungo, Robin | 349.68 |
| McRorie, Deanna | 100.69 |
| Neal, Roy and Gladys | 398.88 |
| New Heights Middle | 182.16 |
| Northeastern Technical College | 101.2 |
| Pageland Family Medicine | 152.94 |
| Pageland Lions Club | 18 |
| Pageland Parks and Rec. Dept | 62.83 |
| Pageland Post Office | 680.94 |
| Petersburg Primary | 132 |
| Pineridge Church of God | 146.08 |
| Powell, Charles and Anita | 30 |
| Prince of Peace | 108.24 |
| Reynolds, Paula | 45 |
| Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church | 791.29 |
| Ruiz, Lydia | 10.56 |
| Smyrna Baptist Church | 420.05 |
| Sutton, Ogden | 69.7 |
| Turner, Carrie | 7.92 |
| Union Hill Adult Sunday School | 172 |
| Union Hill Baptist Church | 113 |
| Wallace, Jennifer | 22.18 |
| Walmart Distribution Center | 92,033.63 |
| Williams, Lynn | 75 |
| Wolf Pond | 1538.36 |
| Yow, Richie | 15.84 |
| Zion Church | 10 |

TOTAL Food Donations \$122,387.44

Other INKIND:

First Baptist Church \$11,141

GRAND TOTAL: \$133,528.4

The Blessings Resource Center food pantry depends entirely on the generosity of our community partners. We are able to help families in need only because so many people care about their neighbors.



Thank you volunteers & donors!

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Blessings Resource Center

Financial Supporters

| Name of Donor | Amount Given |
|---|--------------------|
| Clark, Brenda | \$40 |
| Baker, Pam | \$25 |
| Cato Memorial Fund | \$500 |
| *CMC Tucker Lumber Company | \$5,000 |
| *CoBank & Lynches River Electric | \$5,000 |
| Courtney, William and Mildred | \$100 |
| *First Baptist Church | \$6,890.36 |
| First Baptist Church Youth | \$34.35 |
| First Citizens Bank | \$1,000 |
| Food Drive Monetary Donations | \$177.06 |
| *Founders Federal Credit Union | \$5,000 |
| Galilee Baptist Church | \$100 |
| Hartsell, Linda and Freddie | \$25 |
| High Point Baptist Church | \$100 |
| Mack, Sue | \$25 |
| Milstar LLC/Pageland Family Phar. | \$250 |
| Pageland Garden Club | \$70 |
| *Presbytery of Charlotte | \$4,990 |
| Sims-Thaxton Insurance | \$376 |
| Sisters of Charity | \$2,500 |
| Tyson, Vanessa | \$150 |
| *Walmart Foundation (DC) | \$5,000 |
| Walmart VAP | \$250 |
| Walmart VAP | \$250 |
| Whitmaker, Beverly | \$25 |
| Wolf Pond Baptist Church | \$289.14 |
| Wolf Pond Baptist Church | \$1,400 |
| Zion United Methodist Church | \$500 |
| Zion United Methodist Church | \$500 |
| *Founding Partners | |
| TOTAL | \$40,566.91 |

Blessings Resource Center

Volunteers

| Name of Volunteer | Value of Time |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cinzia Blakeney | 272.00 |
| Amy Cato | 927.02 |
| Myra Coffey | 1,682.51 |
| Judy Funderburk | 1,037.71 |
| Calvin Hancock | 775.77 |
| Gay Leaird | 1,977.72 |
| Theda Lynn | 2,901.57 |
| Doris Miller | 40.30 |
| Eva Miller | 614.57 |
| Lucie Miller | 554.12 |
| Nancy Moore | 1,269.43 |
| Vicki Phillips | 120.90 |
| Victoria Rollins | 20.15 |
| Linda Rowell | 2,471.40 |
| Lexie Smith | 40.30 |
| Parker Smith | 60.45 |
| Gavin Terry | 211.57 |
| TOTAL | \$14,977.51 |

Blessings Resource Center is funded with private dollars and staffed by volunteers. Our donors and volunteers make everything we do for families possible. These churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals are the very heart of BRC.

Thank you volunteers & donors!

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Blessings in a Backpack

Child Sponsorship

| Name of Donor | Given |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| BBQ Benefit | \$5,484.00 |
| Presbytery of Charlotte | \$1,500 |
| Presbytery of Charlotte | \$1,080 |
| Presbytery of Charlotte | \$2,410 |
| Wolf Pond Baptist Church | \$1,400.00 |
| First Baptist Church Youth | \$57.14 |
| Second Wind Productions | \$1,000.00 |
| Walmart State Giving | \$5,000 |
| Providence Baptist Church | \$500 |
| Lynn Williams | \$300 |
| Eclipse Automation Southeast | \$1,000 |
| KAM Electric | \$300 |
| Essential Automation Solutions | \$500 |
| HJ Winburn | \$50 |
| Screwmatics of SC/Kim Hogge | \$300 |
| Michael Cook | \$25 |
| Dudley Baptist Church | \$300 |
| Pageland United Methodist Church | \$300 |
| First Baptist Church/Pageland | \$326 |
| Douglas Machine Shop | \$100 |
| Cedar Lane Supply | \$100 |
| Pageland Dentistry PA | \$100 |
| Pageland Family Pharmacy | \$250 |
| Smyrna Baptist | \$1,303 |
| Total | \$23,685.03 |

Blessings in a Backpack

Volunteers

| Name of Church | Value of Time |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| First Baptist Church | 771.6 |
| First Presbyterian Church | 1,440.66 |
| High Point Baptist Church | 1,511.25 |
| Providence Baptist Church | 775.77 |
| Wolf Pond Baptist | 1,168.70 |
| TOTAL | \$5,668.05 |

Blessings in a Backpack is an established, successful weekend nutrition program. The four-year old program is recognized as beneficial by both teachers and parents. The program is independently evaluated each year. And at the heart of this effort is the fact that young children are not hungry.

Thank you volunteers & donors!

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TO ALL OUR DONORS & VOLUNTEERS



IMAGINATION LIBRARY DONORS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Malloy Foundation | \$700 |
| McCoy, Becky | \$30 |
| Omicron Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma | \$60 |
| Redfearn, Mary | \$130 |
| Rotary Club of Cheraw | \$658.33 |
| TOTAL | \$1,578 |

OUR THANKS TO CHESTERFIELD
 COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
 SUPPORTING OUR

INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING
 PROGRAM

&

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
 PROGRAM

Chesterfield County First Steps (CCFS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health, well-being and school readiness of all our county's young children. CCFS receives a small annual grant from the state legislature through the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Initiative. Other than this state grant, for which we are very grateful to our legislators, all funds for our programs and services for children and families are received from private donors. Chesterfield County is blessed by a community that cares deeply about all its children.