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Partnership for Children Celebrates 30 Years of Service

For 30 years, the Anson County Partnership for Children has worked quietly and steadily toward a big goal: “Helping make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child.”

On September 10, the Partnership celebrated its 30th anniversary, marking three decades of service to children and families throughout Anson County. Since its founding, the organization has become an important part of the community through programs supporting early childhood education, literacy, health and safety, and stronger families.

Over those years, countless Anson County children and parents have benefited from the Partnership’s programs, resources and community involvement. Its work begins with the understanding that helping children get a healthy and successful start benefits not only those children and their families, but Anson County as a whole.

The anniversary celebration also provided an opportunity to remember two women who played important roles in building the organization. The Partnership’s boardroom has been renamed in memory of Elaine B. Scarborough, ACP’s first executive director, honoring her leadership and vision during the organization’s early years.

The Partnership’s diaper bank has been renamed in honor of Bonnie Morgan, a former employee who was instrumental in establishing the program. The diaper bank continues helping local families meet one of the most basic - and surprisingly expensive - needs of caring for babies and young children.

“Thirty years of service is a testament to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and donors,” said Elizabeth Rizzo, Executive Director of the Anson County Partnership for Children. “We are grateful for the community’s trust and look forward to continuing our mission for many more years to come. There are not enough words to say how appreciative we are for everyone who has supported us through the years.”

The Anson County Partnership for Children is part of the Smart Start Network, a statewide initiative working to ensure children are healthy, safe and ready to learn. Locally, that mission is carried out through collaboration among families, educators, community organizations, volunteers and supporters.

Community support remains important to the Partnership’s work. One of its major annual fundraisers, Barn Blast, will return on January 29, 2027. Proceeds will help the organization continue serving Anson County children and families. For information about Barn Blast or the Partnership, call 704-694-4036.

Donations may also be made at: zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-anson-county-partnership-for-children.

Additional information about the Anson County Partnership for Children and its programs is available at www.ansonchildren.org.

Thirty years represents an entire generation of Anson County children - youngsters who grew up, went to school and became adults while the Partnership was working to give the next group of children a better start. Now, as it begins its fourth decade, the organization continues the same mission that has guided it from the beginning: making Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child.



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Anson County Beekeepers to Meet Thursday

The Anson County Beekeepers Association will hold its regular meeting this Thursday, September 24 at 7 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. This will be a no-meal meeting.

ACBA President Rodney Allen will be the evening’s speaker, with a timely program on winter preparation — an important subject for beekeepers as they work to make sure their colonies have the food, health and protection needed to make it through the colder months.

If you’ve ever wondered what goes on inside a beehive, the meeting is also a good opportunity to learn more about beekeeping. It can be an especially interesting hobby for parents and children to explore together, combining time outdoors with hands-on lessons about insects, plants, weather, food production and nature. NC State Extension even offers bee-related youth curricula built around hands-on activities and learning about pollination, bee behavior and habitats.

And beekeepers are doing considerably more than producing jars of honey. Honey bees are important pollinators for North Carolina agriculture, helping pollinate crops including apples, cucumbers, squash, watermelons and berries. NC State Extension notes that the primary economic value of honey bees is actually crop pollination rather than honey production.

That makes encouraging new beekeepers important, particularly as honey bees face challenges from pests, disease and changes in habitat. Beekeepers help maintain managed colonies while learning a hobby that NC State Extension describes as enjoyable and rewarding.

Thursday’s meeting will also include a 50-50 drawing, and anyone who would like to bring an item for the door-prize drawings is encouraged to do so.

Of course, beekeeping does come with one unavoidable workplace hazard: Your employees number in the thousands, they never take instructions and every single one of them has wings.

For additional information, check the Anson County Beekeepers Association Facebook page.

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