

# Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership

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a partner in the  
Smart Start network

**Mission: To enhance early childhood development and school readiness.**



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Albemarle Area United Way



## Thank you to our Community for Your Support in 2023

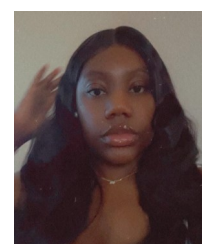
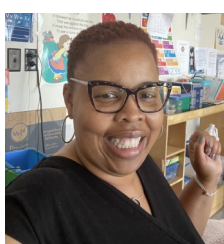
We impacted 560 children through Toys for Tots this year! Thank you to everyone who participated in collecting toys, providing donations, and volunteer assistance, we could not have done it all without you! A huge shout-out to the Edenton Lions Club, John A. Holmes High School Baseball Team, and Perquimans High School OCS Class for their assistance. We acknowledge our appreciation to the Chowan County American Legion and Perquimans County Recreation Center for use of their facilities; Colony Tire for assistance with a trailer; Chowan County Sheriff's Office for assistance with toy pick-up in Greenville from our Regional Headquarters; and Perquimans County Sheriff's Office for their amazing toy drive!

Businesses assisting with donations included: A&L Garage, Albemarle Plantation, Alpha Kappa Alpha Nu Eta Omega Chapter, Cape Colony Church of Christ, Dollar General of Hertford, Downtown Roots, Durants Neck Ruritan Club, Harvey Point, NC Farm Bureau, NC State Employees Credit Union, Perquimans County Schools, Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, PNC Bank in Hertford, Royalty Finance, Scotch Hall Preserve, Sentara Family Medicine, Southern Bank, The Links at Mulberry Hill, Time Finance, and Walgreens. Organizations assisting with collection and distribution: Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center & Clinic, Chowan DSS, Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership Board Members, Edenton Fire Department, Hertford Mayor & Town Council, and Zion Grove Church Tyrrell County.



## Early Childhood Teachers Receive Educational Awards

Five Childcare Providers working towards increasing their education received Educational Awards: (Pictured below left to right) TyShenna Spruill, Chowan County Head Start; Erica Gaylord, Chowan Early Learning Center; Cassandra Pierce, Home Away From Home; Jennifer Rexroad and Kiarra Skinner, Starting Point Childcare Center.



# 16TH ANNUAL WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 4/20/24 10:00 - 1:00

PERQUIMANS RECREATION CENTER

**FREE GIVE-AWAYS while supplies last.**

**Petting Zoo, Car Seat Checks, Games and so much more!**

**FOR MORE INFO, CALL 252-482-3035**

HOSTED BY CHOWAN/PERQUIMANS SMART START PARTNERSHIP



**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program:** Enroll your child to receive a free book in the mail every month! Available from birth until their 5th Birthday. Visit the website [ImaginationLibrary.com](http://ImaginationLibrary.com) or call Likesia Hall to register.



## **Playgroup—Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Helps Caregivers Promote School Readiness Skills**

Parents, Caregivers, and Young Children in our playgroup are provided weekly lessons centered around promoting early childhood development, healthy living, and school readiness skills. Recently, children learned about all about their teeth - how to take care of them and keep them healthy; what's good for our teeth, and what's not. Participants also recently learned about letters, and matching capital and lowercase letters to each other. Each week our facilitators provide a different lesson along with an activity that reinforces learning. Registration for the playgroup is required—please contact Likesia Hall for more information.



**Perquimans County Library:** Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Tuesdays from 10:00—11:30 the months of March and May. **Story Time** every Wednesday starting at 11:00

**Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library :** Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Tuesdays from 10:00—11:30 the months of February and April. **Story Time** every Wednesday starting at 11:00

For free activity ideas visit: [booksbythebushel.com](http://booksbythebushel.com), [Sesamestreet.org](http://Sesamestreet.org), [pnc.com/grow-up-great](http://pnc.com/grow-up-great), [handsonaswegrow.com](http://handsonaswegrow.com), [ReadAloud.org](http://ReadAloud.org), [getreadytoread.org](http://getreadytoread.org). For information about community resources call 211, or contact Sarah Williams.