

What a village, Support Surrounds Children Raised by Relatives!

Thanks to a collaborative partnership between our community and Social Services' Relatives as Parents Program "RAPP", assisted over 200 children who live with their grandparents and other relatives to prepare for the 2011 – 12 school year!

RAPP's 6th Annual School Supply drive surpassed expectations and represents generous support from over 26 community groups, organizations & individual donors.

Thanks to generous community sponsors, RAPP provided school supplies and when needed, supplemented with gift cards for more expensive items. Children were provided everything from book bags, standard paper, pencils, clothing, shoes, to hand sanitizer that will help prevent unnecessary school absences!

Social Services Relatives as Parents Program "RAPP" expresses our sincere appreciation to all who organized school supply drives with groups they are affiliated with and those that gave resources to make a difference in the lives of children in our community. Special thanks to the individuals who coordinated the projects at their individual locations! Generous community sponsorship is vital in serving our RAPP families!

Our 2011 Community Partners for the 6th Annual Back to School Drive

Businesses, Churches, Groups, Individuals & Students

Businesses:

- Family Dollar Store & Patrons, South Main Street, coordinated by WQMG 97.1 FM
- Hanes Brands, Customer Service Division, coordinated by Richard Harnish
- Senior Services of W-S, coordinated by Sharon Kahill & Tracey Hunter Bowens
- Sonoco Corfflex, coordinated by Carrie Hardy
- North West Piedmont Council of Government, coordinated by Holli Ward & Adriene Calhoun
- Target, Corporate Offices, "Family Connections" grant
- Walgreen's, Corporate Offices, coordinated by Diane Beirman
- Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, NHAA Inc., coordinated by: Anna S. Budzinski

Churches:

- Eternal Praise Group, Coordinated by Sonya Izzard

Individuals & Students:

- John A. Cocklereece, Jr.
- Michaela Finney, Student,
- Hunter Palm, **Crosby Scholar**, Mt. Tabor High School
- Gale Presnell, Volunteer
- Ian Presnell, Student,
- Aaron Roberts, **Crosby Scholar**, Mt. Tabor High School

- Princess Shaw & Family, coordinated by Princess Shaw

Forsyth County Departments & Divisions

- Register of Deeds Office, coordinated by Barbara Kane

Forsyth County Individual Employees

- Mary Brooks, Tax Assessor Office
- Barbara Kane, Register of Deeds Office
- Kim Mitchell, TEAM Division
- Ann Roberts, TEAM Division
- Vickie Sullivan, Human Resources, County HR Department
- Theresa Ward & Family, Sheriff's Office, Detention Division

Other Family & Children's Division staff 'in-kind-service' with the project:

- Latanya Cole
- Annette Estrada
- Bridigette Lindsay
- Jerri Wolfe
- Kristie Wynne

Excitingly, our efforts cultivated opportunities beyond school materials. We extend special thanks to:

The family of WQMG, 97.1 Radio Station, Greensboro, for their marketing and publicity efforts to help RAPP support these families. They hosted a drive to collect donations for RAPP, marketed the drive on their #1 Urban Contemporary radio station and delivered the items to us a RAPP at close of the collection drive.

Our Forsyth County Management Information Science, MIS, Division for always accomodating our computer needs helping us to market RAPP Projects, coordinated this project by, Gina D. Childress.

If you or someone you know is a relative raising children from their extended family, please call Teresa Bryant at 336-703-3744 to get information about our activities especially for families like yours! If you would like to assist RAPP with 'in-kind-services' or direct funds please call Teresa. **Always remember, "It Takes a Village"!**

