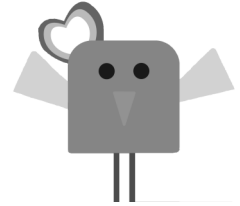




The Messenger

Valley Interfaith Child Care Center



Safety, Love, and Learning for the very young children of working families

Fall 2011

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Dear Valley Interfaith Child Care Center Friend,

Many of you reading this newsletter are faithful supporters of Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC). Your donations have made it possible for VICCC to continue providing care for infants and young children of low-income, working families in the Blacksburg area. Your donations also help to influence the school readiness of at-risk children in our community, and to assist struggling single parents return to the workplace with the knowledge that their children will be cared for in a safe, loving, and learning environment.

You will notice in the newsletter VICCC's Giving Clubs. We so appreciate the individuals that have joined these clubs since July 1. We hope that you will consider a Scholarship Level of Giving or join one of our Clubs. By doing so, you are making a commitment to quality care and educational development of the children with a tax-deductible contribution.

VICCC is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a "matching" grant from a private foundation. In short, all cash donations received between September 1, 2011 and November 30, 2011 will be matched dollar for dollar. That means, your donation to VICCC during this time frame will be doubled. Won't you consider helping VICCC maximize the value of this grant by making a contribution today?

Thank you for your continued support. I invite you to stop by the center on September 21 for coffee and a tour of the facility. As always, please let me know if your group or organization would like me to come to a meeting and share the VICCC story. You can reach me at 540.558.8652 or by email viccc2@verizon.net

Linda Willis
Executive Director



A Word From the President



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Another beginning, following an impressive path, Jeanne Roper, Greg Campbell, Cathy Jacobs and Elizabeth Foster have all left giant footprints to follow as President of the Board of Directors for Valley Interfaith Child Care Center. Their leadership has turned a need into a dream, and that dream into a reality.

I look forward to another successful year serving the young children of our community. It will be a challenge with cuts in government support and all non-profits asking for increased support from the community. In this uncertain economy, these families need our support now more than ever. All of us must rethink our “wants and needs” list. Our parents want a safe, loving and learning environment for their children. The parents need to know that they can find such a place here at VICCC that is affordable and provides quality care for their children.

July marked the beginning of my journey in those awesome footprints. Please join me in making this year another successful year for Valley Interfaith Child Care Center.

Ina Dunford, President

VICCC Welcomes New Board Members

Valley Interfaith Child Care Center welcomes three new members to their board. The new members include, Jeanne Roper, Craig Little, and Carla Bundren. Each new member has an exciting story to tell and are all very excited to be a part of the VICCC family.



Jeanne was born in Boston and has lived in Blacksburg since 1966. She is the mother of two wonderful sons and grandmother of two fabulous granddaughters. She is married to former board member Dave Roper. She was on the faculty of the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning at Virginia Tech. She has served on several boards in the area including Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, New River Family Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and Musica Viva. She also loves gardening and loves to see children gardening. Jeanne is one of the founding members of VICCC and is rejoining the board after two three-year terms, one as President and one as Vice President, and one year of retirement. She believes that the first few years of life are crucial in setting a child on a life path towards success and happiness, and because all children deserve a good start in life. “VICCC’s mission is my mission!” she states.

Craig Little was born and raised here in Blacksburg. After graduation from Virginia Tech and the Corps of Cadets, he was awarded an Air Force Commission in 1973. For the next 26 years he served in many assignments overseas and in the US. He retired from the Air Force as a full colonel in 1999. For the next six years he worked under contract for the US Navy and Marine Corps for the acquisition of various air traffic control systems. Craig and his wife Pam have returned to the NRV and have two children, Jill and Coulter, and two grandchildren, Alexander, and Emily, both 5.



Carla moved to Blacksburg about seven years ago after growing up in North Carolina. Her husband Chris is a chemical engineer for Celanese, her daughter will be starting the 7th grade and her son will be starting the 6th grade in the fall. She volunteers and substitute teaches at Kipps Elementary School. She loves to read and spend time with her dog Lucky. She has been involved with several groups including the Girl Scouts and Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). She has achieved her B.S. in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina. Before retiring to be a stay-at-home mom she was a corporate tax accountant for 15 years.

VICCC is very excited to have these three new members on the board and looks forward to their time and dedication to the VICCC mission.

Infant Room Receives Free Mentor Program

The Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network is a program of Child Development Resources (<http://www.cdr.org>) and is supported by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS). The program is designed to provide child care centers, providers, and parents with services and resources in early care and education that are meant to enhance the healthy growth and development of infants and toddlers. VICCC has had the opportunity to collaborate with one of the VA Infant & Toddler Specialists, Kerri White, over the past couple months and will continue to reap the awards of her services for many months to come. Kerri visits our center twice a month to provide on-site consultation, mentoring, and support to our teachers, using quality improvement plans based on the ECER-S (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale). The ECER-S is a set of standards, developed as a part of an Early Childhood Initiative in Virginia, to be used in rating the quality of child care centers across our state. In addition, Kerri provides resource materials, linkages to existing professional development opportunities, and hands-on involvement within the classroom. We are thankful for her services to VICCC and look forward to the many positive changes and benefits this experience is sure to evoke.

VICCC Giving Club

Lady Bug Club—\$200 or more a year

Rochelle	Jeremy and Natalie Hart
Randy and Cherry Pelt	Jim and Janet Rakes
Ray and Maxine Scott	

Butterfly Club—\$101—\$199 a year

Antoine Asselin	Elizabeth Obenshain
Jeff and Judy Kirwan	

Duckling Club—\$50—\$100 a year

David Bernard	Mr. and Mrs. John Byers
Allen Campbell	Delwyn Dyer
Dr. Benjamin & Rev Carolyn Dixon	
Dorothy Domermuth	Mary Houska
Alice Irvin	Dr. and Mrs. Steve Jacobs
Larry and Gail Langley	Rosemarie Payne
Mary Powe	Robert and Esther Youngs
Charlie and Martha Ann Stallings	

Others - \$1,000 and up

Dave and Jeanne Roper	ELF Roper Scholarship
Christ Episcopal Church	Ann Goette
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church	
Kiwanis Club of Montgomery County - Blacksburg	

* These donors are based on donations received between July 1 - Aug 31

Open House At VICCC

Are you interested in touring the Valley Interfaith Child Care Center? Come to our open house on September 21! Staff, volunteers, and board members will be at the center from 9:30am to 10:30 am to give you a tour of the center. We would love for you to come see our children and our center.

Mark your Calendar!

September 21

Coffee Hour 9:30am—10:30am

October 6

Family Fun Night

November 11

Annual Trunk Show
hosted by Dr. Steve Jacobs

December 17

2nd Annual Holiday House Tour

January

Watch for a new and exciting event!

Family Fun Night

Every summer children of all ages enjoy attending a carnival. VICCC brought the spirit of a carnival to the most recent Family Fun Night. There was cornhole, ping pong toss, horse shoe, and many more carnival games. There was also popcorn, snow cones, and homemade barbecue. We even had a guest appearance of Fancy the clown. Everyone had a wonderful evening playing the carnival games and spending a night of fun with their children and their friends. Come join us on October 6 for our next Family Fun Night!

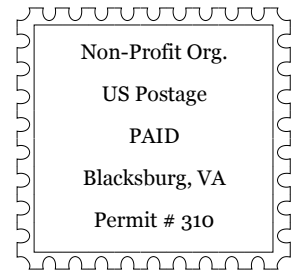


Retiring Board Members

We would like to thank Greg Campbell and Dave Roper for their six years of dedicated service as members of the board to VICCC. They have both contributed in very different ways but have each been greatly appreciated by staff and families. They were both great assets to the board and will be missed by everyone.

Wish List—Preschool and Toddler CDs—Boys' dress up clothes—Art Supplies—Baby Dolls—Baby Doll Clothes—Shelves for Shed—Blankets for toddler thru Preschool— Hot Glue Gun w/Glue Sticks —Learning Rugs—Large Tonka trucks for playground—Clothes for Children—Table for 4 infants—Laptop computer—2 work stations—Bookshelves—Large Buttons of all shapes—Coloring Books—Large Crayons—Small Child CD player / Radio—Adobe Creative Suite

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Volunteer Corner.....

If you get a chance, come by and take a look at the playground. The Kiwanis Club of Montgomery County-Blacksburg, recently donated \$500 for fresh mulch to be put down on the playground for the Fall and Winter months. Under the direction of one of our board members, Craig Little, students from The Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships at Virginia Tech spent a Saturday morning spreading the mulch on the playground. Thank you for all your hard work!!!

Also a special thank you to Tamera Oliver for the curtains in the classrooms. Now every classroom has curtains hanging in their windows. “Not only do the curtains help during naptime, we can also play flashlight games in the dark,” said Natalie, teacher of the Orange Room. The curtains have given each classroom a more ‘at home’ feel.

Are you interested in volunteering and don’t know what you can contribute? Here are a few things that you can do to volunteer!

- Keep children’s books arranged in the lobby
- Help with Micah’s Backpack program
- Seamstress
- Gardener
- Painting
- Baker
- Read to the children
- Music, dance, or art talents
- Grant research and writer



If you have these skills or other skills you would like to share with the children please contact Pat Boyle—540.951.3674 or by email—pboyle@vt.edu

Kroger Cards

Don’t forget to use your Kroger Card! Make sure your card is registered to VICCC and preload the card before you shop. This card can be used at any Kroger across the USA. You can even use it to buy gas at a Kroger gas stations. When checking out use your Kroger Card and 5% of your of the money spent will go to VICCC. As always we thank you for your support! If you or someone you know would like to start helping VICCC please contact us!

Pregame BBQ

VICCC will be hosting a pregame barbecue on October 1. Come join VICCC before the Virginia Tech football game at the parking lot of the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church for barbecue sandwiches, chips, and drinks. The church is located on 600 Prices Fork Road in Blacksburg. Donations may be made to Valley Interfaith Child Care Center.