



## Sipe's Orchard Home

*We help families grow their dreams*

# News from the Orchard



### from the CEO

Wow! It was a busy, but productive summer for everyone on campus. As summer ends, our children and youth have fallen into their respective schedules: school, work, or a combination of both. Listed below are highlights of our productivity.

#### NC PRE-K

Sipe's had a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for our recently renovated NC Pre-k facility, The Tyndall Center for Early Age Education. Lindsay Keisler, President and CEO of the Catawba Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Lee Moritz, Jr. of Conover, NC, gave remarks at the open house ceremony. Originally constructed in the early 2000's, The Tyndall Center needed updating. Our board and staff wanted to make our Pre-K more child friendly, colorful, and conducive for learning. The newly renovated space is designed to enhance the learning experience through visual, experiential, auditory, and kinesthetic opportunities. The Tyndall Center for Early Age Education is the only private NC Pre-Kindergarten center using technology to help facilitate learning. The introduction of Chromebooks in the classrooms will help prepare our students for Kindergarten and support the K-64 initiative. We know that exposing children to learning technology not only helps their learning, but also, will better prepare them as their education continues. It was great to see this project complete.

#### SUMMER CAMP

The Huckleberry Summer Camp experienced record enrollment in 2018! The children enjoyed swimming, playing outside, field trips, and many other activities.

#### TRANSITIONAL LIVING

Learning to drive is an essential skill for our teens in our Transitional Living Program. Our public transportation system is not sufficient in most areas for youth to sustain employment or meet other transit needs. In order to be successful in the future, the youth in our program must be able to drive. I am happy to report that three of our transitional living youth completed our Drivers Education Program and received their driver's licenses!

Do you remember your first job and the excitement you felt? Several of our youth started their first jobs this past summer. Some of those first jobs had our youth working at local restaurants, the YMCA, and a furniture company. We are proud of our youth and their commitment to learn, grow, and continue to reach goals!

#### ADMINISTRATION

Our board and staff are committed to continuous improvement at Sipe's Orchard Home. We continue to improve and update facilities and invest in our programs, without incurring any debt.

Our financial audit was recently completed and resulted in a clean opinion from the auditors for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Our attention and commitment to stewardship is reflected not only in our fiscal reports but also in our facilities and programs.

I am grateful for where we are and where we are going. I know we could not be doing the things we are doing without community partners, our Board of Directors, staff, and our supporters.

Thank You,  
**Jamie Brown**



from the COO  
- DELANE BOWMAN

## Looking Back...

The first child was accepted on July 4, 1945 into the boy's home at Sipe's Orchard Home. Fast-forward to March 1946, and the enrollment at Sipe's had increased to 8 boys and there was a waiting list of boys needing the home's services. The original home had a kitchen, dining room, a small gymnasium in the basement, complete with showers and a boxing ring, and a large lounge and lobby. The boys were enrolled in the Newton-Conover school district and traveled to school by bus each day.

## Present Day

Sipe's Orchard Home is no longer a home only for boys; instead, the home of the past, is now a Transitional Living Program for homeless youth—males and females, who are aging out of foster-care or who are on the verge of becoming homeless. Now, there are multiple cottages on the campus segregated by gender. At present, youth may attend Newton-Conover, Saint Stephens, or Challenger Early College High School. Today, the campus has a basketball court, ponds for fishing, exercise and weight equipment in the cottages, and a membership with the YMCA for additional recreational options. Cottages are stocked with nutritional food and the youth are taught how to prepare their own meals. Other independent living skills include money budgeting, opening a bank account, completing Sipe's driving program and obtaining a driver's license, graduating from high school, and obtaining a job.

The past and present have the same mission – to provide a safe and nurturing place for youth who need help and want to grow their dreams. The vision of Mr. and Mrs. V.O. Sipe in the early 1940's took root on Route 1 (otherwise known as County Home Road) and today the fruits of their labor can be seen in the lives of the children and youth in the programs at Sipe's Orchard Home. "To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us." – Pope Francis







# New Adventures in Learning from Tyndall NCPre-K

- MRS. AMBER VEGA, DIRECTOR OF EARLY AGE EDUCATION

A new school year means we embark on a new journey with our preschool students. This year our focus will still be building healthy relationships and creating safe and inviting classrooms for learning, but we are now working towards being a foundation for the K-64 initiative for our students so they are better prepared for Kindergarten and the workforce.

Two of the six K-64 Initiative focus areas are One-to-World technology and teaching character and soft skills. Both of these focus areas are included in our curriculum. We have been fortunate this year to have new technology at the Tyndall Center. Teachers have new tablets for recording classroom activities and notated observations in the curriculum software. In addition, each classroom has large wall-mounted computer monitors for classroom interaction and engagement. Students have desktop computers for individual learning in each classroom and each classroom has Chromebooks. Students are learning how to use Chromebooks in small group settings. In addition, students are learning about Letterland characters and letter sounds through song and dance using the large wall-mounted computer monitors.

We are teaching character and soft skills through our daily teaching and interactions with our students. One evidence-based practice we incorporate is CSEFEL, which is the social and emotional foundations for early learning. We use CSEFEL practices through problem solving, self-regulation, and communication of feelings and words. We have the privilege and opportunity, as educators, to impact and make a difference in the lives of the next generation.

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# Transitional Living

## A Young Man's Journey - JAMIE BROWN, CEO

Eric is one of the young men in our Transitional Living Program. Eric grew up with his mother who was, and still is, addicted to drugs. Eventually, Eric was placed into foster-care and remained in foster-care for three years. While in foster-care, he graduated high school; however, Eric did not feel like he was a part of the family. As he approached his eighteenth birthday, Eric was very uncertain about his future. On the one hand, he was glad he had finished school; however, on the other hand, he knew he could not drive, was not gainfully employed where he could support himself, and he did not have a place to live, long-term. Eric heard about our program, completed our application process,

and was accepted into our program. Today, Eric is working, taking some college courses at CVCC, he is learning to drive, and has saved enough money to purchase his first car. In just a few weeks, Eric will own his first car and he is excited about this accomplishment!

Eric is mature and intelligent for his age. However, he still carries the baggage from his childhood. When Eric is under stress, his reaction follows the flight pattern of "fight or flight". The compulsion to run away from problems is his first instinct along with the inability to slow down and think through problems. In spite of this, Eric is working on his compulsions through the help of

a counselor. I am thankful for Eric and his desire to continue working through his life journey with us.

A few weeks ago, I was talking with someone about our program. This person wanted me to state what we do at Sipe's Orchard Home in one or two sentences. After my response, this person asked me again to shorten my response. My final response to this request is this, "We give young people the future they should have had." My hope is that Eric, along with our other youth, find the courage and confidence within themselves to realize they have a future and they can succeed!

♥grateful♥  
AND blessed  
Thank you!



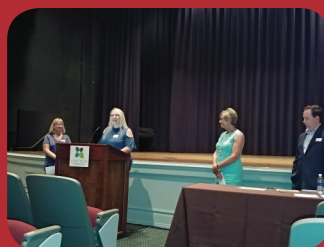
*Driver's Program 2018*



*Self-Defense Class October 2018*



*DeLane Bowman accepting donations from Catawba Valley SHRM, Mia Snipes, Treasurer.*



*DeLane Bowman, COO accepts the grant from the Unifour Foundation (June 27, 2018)*

## Unifour Foundation \$7,500 Grant

Thank you to the Unifour Foundation for selecting Sipe's Orchard Home as a recipient of the Unifour Grant. This grant will help us to improve the technology and building improvements at the Tyndall Center for our pre-school students.



# Community Helpers



Angela – Republic Services Recycling Center



**REPUBLIC  
SERVICES**

**Community Helpers at Tyndall's  
NCPre-K teaching about recycling  
October 2018**



**Volunteers from St. Luke's  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
at Tyndall's NCPre-K  
September 2018**



**St. Stephens Fire Department at  
Tyndall NCPre-K  
October 2018**



**Tyndall's NCPre-K visited  
Newton Post Office  
September & October 2018**



**Susan Guest & her dog Ziva reads  
to the NCPre-K students at Tyndall  
September 2018**



**Melinda Bumgarner  
from Gaston  
Dentistry at  
Tyndall's NCPre-K  
September 2018**



# Tyndall Center for Early Age Education – NCPre-K

## Ribbon Cutting & Open House

August 23, 2018



Thank you to Lindsay Keisler, President & CEO of the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, Cameron Bixby, Chamber Ambassador, and Mayor Lee Moritz, Jr., for joining us for our ribbon cutting and open house at the newly renovated Tyndall Center.

*Front: Megan Dewitt, Na Lae See, Laurie-Ann Denis, Yovonda Miles, Amber Vega, DeLane Bowman  
Back: Mayor Moritz, Lindsay Keisler, Ashley Van-Dyke, Laura Gould*

## Tyndall Center's NCPre-K Renovations

**Classroom 1  
BEFORE...**



*...& After*



**Classroom 2  
BEFORE...**



*...& After*



**Reception Area  
BEFORE...**



*...& After*





Hallway to  
playground  
BEFORE... *...& After*



Hallway to  
reception  
BEFORE... *...& After*



Conference Room  
BEFORE...

*...& After*



## Corning Volunteers July 28, 2018

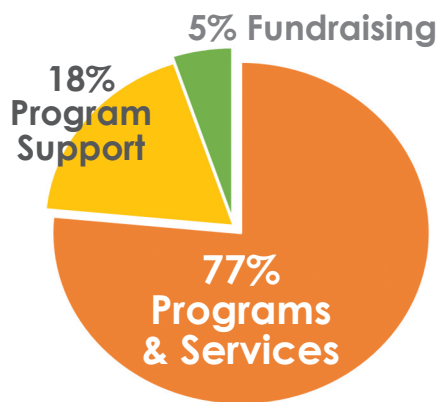
We would like to say "Thank-You" to all the volunteers from Corning for helping us assemble and move furniture into our newly renovated Tyndall Center's NC Pre-K.



CORNING







## ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018

**77 cents** of every dollar spent supports our mission by providing services to youth and children at-risk. Youth and children in our programs are learning and developing skills demonstrated by obtaining a driver's license, earning a high school diploma or a GED, or exploring the multi-faceted, social emotional learning in the classroom.

Source: 2017-2018 Audit

### PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2017-2018

#### Transitional Living:

- Opened Bumgarner Cottage.
- Board of Directors voted to update the Houston Cottage during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
- Youth attended school and seniors graduated.
- Youth obtained first-time jobs.
- Eligible youth participated in the driving program.
- Youth went to Scarowinds, Tanglewood Festival of Lights, and attended the Prom.



#### NC Pre-K:

- The Tyndall Center for Early Age Education became the only private NC Pre-Kindergarten center using technology to help facilitate learning.
- 12 Chromebooks were purchased for students to use during small group time.
- A traditional computer center was set-up for the students in each classroom.
- All children enrolled graduated in June 2018.
- Students went to Devine Farms and the Catawba Science Center.

#### Huckleberry Summer Camp:

- Huckleberry Summer Camp experienced **record enrollment!** Average participation was 40 children per week!
- Field trips took our summer campers to:
  - Tweetsie Railroad,
  - Hickory Crawdads,
  - All Flutter Farm,
  - Hickory Airport,
  - Kool Park,
  - NASCAR Hall of Fame,
  - Schiele Museum,
  - Skateland, and many other places!
- Breaks from electronics and a return to physical recreation kept our summer campers engaged.





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The seven habits methodology was developed by Stephen Covey and has been used in the business world for many years. More recently, Covey broadened his original scope to schools through the highly successful book and program, "The Leader in Me". The training and use of this paradigm is just one of the ways Sipe's Orchard Home is working toward continually improving our program for the children and youth we serve.

The following staff were certified by FranklinCovey in The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Signature 4.0:



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CEO

DeLane Bowman,  
COO

Amanda Smith,  
Program Manager

Amber Vega, Director  
of Early Age Education

Kortney Mahoney,  
Youth Case Worker

Tara Goforth,  
Youth Case Worker

## In Honor of...

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**October 4, 2018**





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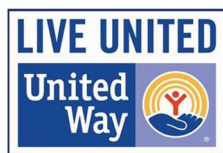
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