



Asheville-Buncombe Education Coalition

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Change Is In The Air

As spring inches closer we are reminded of the natural changes and new beginnings in nature and in our own organization.

For those who don't already know, **Maggie Smith** has returned to UNCA and will assist with the development of the new **NC Health and Wellness Center**. Maggie had been on loan to the Coalition for the last 2 1/2 years.



Our new director, Debbie Mowrey, meeting Mark Jeffrey the director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club along with a host of energetic kids.

While we were sad to see Maggie leave, we are equally excited by the addition of **Debbie Mowrey** as our new Executive Director. Debbie joins us after an incredibly successful tenure as the Executive Director of the **Colburn Earth Science Museum**.

Virgil Smith, Board Chair had this to say;

"As a founding member of this organization I must say that we are fortunate. Maggie did a fantastic job. It is because of her leadership that we are achieving the goals we set to close the achievement gap and to reduce the high school dropout rate. To be in that place of strength and stability while choosing our next leader was a gift. And to find as talented a person as Debbie Mowrey to be our next leader is something that every board dreams of."

School Checks on sale till March 24th

\$15 will get you \$800 in coupon savings and students benefit! To purchase:

- ♦ **Visit Asheville City Schools Foundation** online: http://www.acsf.org/fund_school-checks.shtml
- ♦ **Contact Buncombe County Schools Foundation** at 232-4190 or pick them up at any county school.

Spring Book Drive

March 25th 9-5

Ingles, Hendersonville Road
(South Forest Shopping Center)

Your old books can have a new life!
Donate your used books - all kinds.

Biblioworks and the Education Coalition are partnering for this special project with the help of our sponsors **Ingles, Clear Channel and Biblio.com**.

Here's what we'll do with your books:

- ♦ children's books will be distributed to children served by the Education Coalition's 20 member agencies,
- ♦ an assortment of other books will be distributed to fledgling libraries that have been built in Bolivia by our partner organization, Biblioworks,
- ♦ unusable books will be recycled
- ♦ all other books will be sold and proceeds distributed to the Education Coalition and Biblioworks.

Join us at the Ingles on Hendersonville Road. **There will be a live radio remote, raffles and great prizes, food and some games for the kids.** See you there!

Book Drive Volunteer Opportunity

On March 26th we will be sorting the books that are collected. The more volunteers the faster we'll get done. It'll be fun and we'll feed you goodies. Call Elisabeth at 252-5936 to learn details and sign up.



Save A Tree Get your newsletter by email!

It's simple - just send your email address to:

ebookletabec@bellsouth.net

If you wish to be removed from the newsletter mailing list, or are receiving duplicate mailings - send your request to the same address. Thanks!

When a crazy idea works... The Playground Classic.

When we came up with the idea to raise money for the work of the Coalition by having adults compete on a mock-golf course stocked with silly and challenging games, we knew it was a risk.

Most folks knew what to expect from a golf fundraiser. But convincing those same people to commit their hard earned dollars and their time to an event that required teams to toss rubber chickens into a moving pot, race remote control cars, and jump on the back of a tricycle...well that was a stretch.

Good news - it was brilliant! Teams from such places as the Chamber of Commerce, Smith Barney, Mission Hospitals, and the Asheville Citizen Times were present and had a blast (some said that this was the most fun they'd had at an event - ever!)

Congratulations to the Smith Barney team for coming in first and to those that contributed to this event - it is because of them that we netted \$11,450 to help children succeed in school!

Good News

- We've been awarded **\$20,000 in scholarship funds** from the **Eckerd Family Fund**. Each member agency can nominate Education Coalition children they serve to receive financial assistance for a variety of needs.
- During the recent **Martin Luther King Peace March**, **Gene Bell**, Executive Director of the **Asheville Housing Authority** and Education Coalition Advisory Board member, challenged the crowd to put their beliefs into action by volunteering their time to work with children. As a result 47 people have been contacted about next steps they can take to help a child. We'll keep you updated.

from a tutor's eyes:

"We established a reading/behavior system with stickers and prizes. J. came in the other day and was wonderful... we had no problems and at the end he said, *"I'm sorry I didn't bring you anything today (I had brought him his favorite cookie and a drink), but I did bring you a good attitude."* That meant more to me than any material item. Sure, we've had moments where he has not wanted to cooperate, but I have also noticed his genuine enthusiasm when I come to see him and his new, excited attitude to read and have an optimistic, eager outlook."

See More Photos!
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Joe Damore, CEO of Mission Hospital, and Honorary Co-Chair of the event.



Robert Logan, Asheville City Schools superintendent finds his inner tyke on the trike.

Thank You to the Sponsors and Donors to the Playground Classic

Swing (\$5,000)
Asheville Citizen-Times
Mission Children's Hospital

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Carolina First Bank

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Marco's Pizza
Oliver & Annabelle's
Professional Touch
Table
The Mediterranean
YMCA
YWCA

**Playground Classic 2006
October 26th**

We expect teams to fill up fast. If you'd like get in on the ground floor, call Donna at 236-5995 to learn about sponsorship and team information.

So Many Ways To Get Involved

Become a Tutor/Mentor - this is a September through May commitment. Mentoring is one hour a week and tutoring is two, one-hour sessions. Scheduling is based on your best days/times/locations, M-F/ 8:30-6. Locations include in-school and after-school sites. **We are taking application for next year's crew.**

- Summer Volunteer Opportunities** - below are our member agencies that have summer-time volunteer needs.
- **Delta House Life Development**, Shirley Whitesides 254-6804 call for options.
 - **Big Brother Big Sister**, 253-1470 two needs: big brothers and little sisters.
 - **Hillcrest Enrichment**, Lillian Butler 252-6376 Enrichment: share your craft or other skills with the kids. (And until school ends: homework help.)
 - **One Youth At A Time**, Robbie Williams 281-0208 work with students around public speaking and creative self expression.
 - **Partners Unlimited**, Anderson Davis 281-2800 help staff booths at events.
 - **Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club**, Mark Jeffrey 255-0266 call for options.
 - **STEP** (through Sycamore Temple Church), Victor Burgin 253-2968 call for options.
 - **YWCA**, Luke Heller 254-7206 ext 204 call for options.
 - **YMCA**, Latisha Steele 210-9622 call for options.

Becoming a Partner Organization - businesses and civic/community groups may want their name associated with the work of this coalition. Partner Organization roles can be created to best suit each group, but some options include: sponsor a year of service for a child, allow members of your staff time off from work to mentor, and/or become a sponsor or have a team represented at the Playground Classic.

Host a House Party - Holding House Parties has been a wonderful way for the guests of our hosts to learn about the Coalition, who we are, what we do, and how they may become involved. So far, this has been a very successful way for us to meet a wider circle of people in the community. Several parties are planned for this spring. If you think this may be a way you can be involved, please call Donna Pierce at 236-5995 and she will be happy to fill you in on details.

Circle of Friends July 1-Dec. 31, 2005

Cum Laude (\$1,000 plus)
Robin Hanes
Donna Pierce
Martha Salyers and David Hurand
Karl and Shirley Quisenberry

Deans List (\$500-\$999)
Ann Batchelder and Henri Kieffer
Kirk Brown and Shelley Pew Brown
Hedy Fischer
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Charles and Eleanor Owen, III

High Honors (\$100-\$499)
Annie Ager
David Bailey
Kathleen Ballard
Brian and Carole Biro

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Virginia Calloway and David Holt
Cecil and Teresa Cantrell
Janet Cone
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Rev. John Merchant
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David Smith
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Shirley Whitesides

Honors (up to \$99)
Laura Bocklet
Karen and Christin Brown
Gay and Stewart Coleman
Eric Cardella
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Ann and Charles Howell

Lisa Lindsay
Llewellyn Perry
Jean Riederer
Elaine and David Smith
Robbie Williams



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It's with the power of your support that we can serve children in our community as well as we do.

Join Our Celebration



Students ✕ Families ✕ Teachers
Tutors ✕ Mentors
Friends of the Coalition

**Monday April 24th
5:30-7:30pm
Stephens Lee**

Save Your Spot...
call 252-5936.

At the End of Year Celebration we:

- honor the kids for their hard work,
- thank the tutors and mentors for their commitment, and
- give everyone who cares about the kids an opportunity to have some fun.

We'll have simple dinner, a few presentations, great door prizes and games for families to play together.

Make sure you save your space today!



Asheville Buncombe Education Coalition
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Change a child's life. Become a Mentor. Become a Tutor. Call 252-5936 to get involved.

Our Mission

The Education Coalition is a community-wide collaboration to provide mentoring, tutoring, and support services that will eliminate achievement gaps and help all Asheville City and Buncombe County public school students graduate.

Our Board of Directors

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