



# Our November 2025 Impact

## Community Impact Grant Requests Are Now Open...

**Community Impact Grants** are how we invest local contributions from our **Annual Campaign** drive to fight for the education, financial security, health and basic needs of every person in Martinsville and Henry County.

For more information on qualifications and how to apply, please visit our [website](#) for full details, or call **Brandy Lawless**, 276-403-5961, x109.

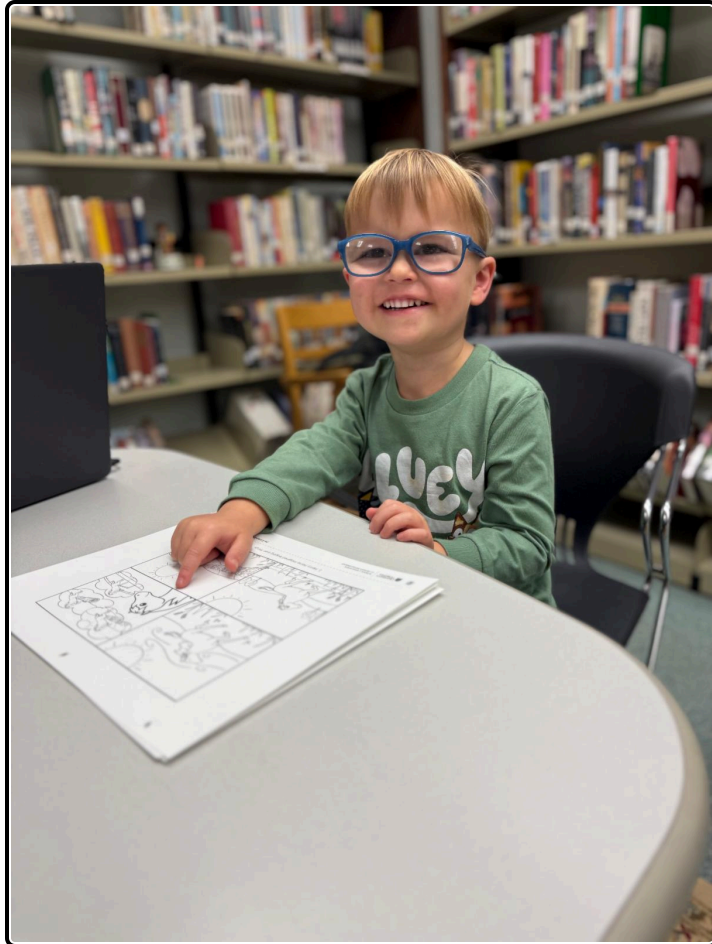
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## MHC Partners for Children...

Our MHC Partners for Children tackled school readiness and success in November after the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP) assessments in October.

Participating early childcare programs completed the Virginia Language and Literacy Screening System (VALLSS) these screenings which assist teachers in identifying which children may need additional support in early language and literacy development.

With the information provided, teachers may then tailor small group instruction and implement targeted strategies to enhance reading readiness, laying the groundwork for a love of learning beginning at an early age.

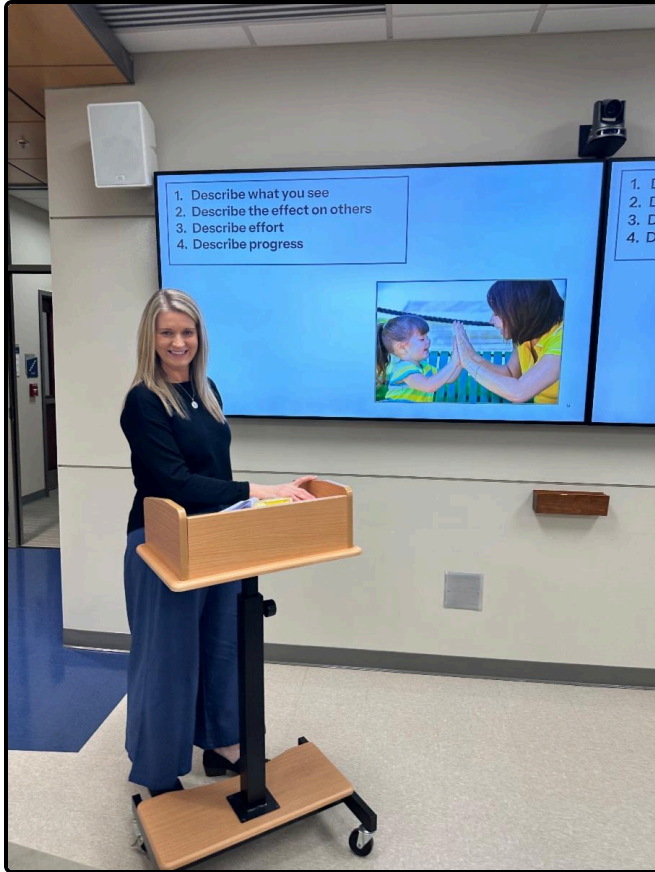


## MHC Partners for Children in the Community...

Our [MHC Partners for Children](#) conducted their first quarterly Director's Network meeting for the 2025-26 MCHPC Professional Development year on November 18, at NCI's Baldwin building. Local childcare owners, directors, and administrators were in attendance for this event.

[Ruth Anne Collins](#), Childcare Quality Improvement Coordinator, presented an overview of the book, *How to Talk So Little Kids Will Listen*, the first in a series that offers practical solutions for caregivers, teachers, and parents of young children. Ruth Anne's session was interactive, covering strategies for handling emotions, engaging cooperation, resolving conflict, providing praise, and supporting all children. Participants were also given the opportunity to share their own experiences and tactics for working with young children.

The next Director's Network meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026.



The MHCPC team was also thrilled to join Happy Feet Learning Center for their Fall Festival on November 8, where families enjoyed seasonal activities and were provided with useful community resource information. The staff facilitated art projects for the kids and received several new [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#) registrations. It was a joyful day for all involved!





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## Campaign 2025-26 Update...

Our 2025-25 Campaign is at 63% of its goal! **Thank you!**

Now, more than ever, we need your support. If you are able to give, please visit us at [www.UnitedWayofHCM.org](http://www.UnitedWayofHCM.org) and select "donate."



## CAMPAIGN UPDATE



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