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Durham's Partnership for Children Accepting Nominations for Champions for Children Award

Durham, NC - **Durham's Partnership for Children**, an organization supporting the needs of young children and their families, is accepting nominations for its Champions for Children award(s) to nominated members of the Durham community who have made a substantial contribution to young children and families in Durham County.

“The Champions for Children Award is a way for the Partnership to recognize the outstanding commitment of Durham’s advocates for children and families. This work impacts school readiness, health and success of all of Durham County children, and we are very pleased to honor these important efforts,” stated Bill Bryant of Scott & Stringfellow, Chair of the Community Awareness and Development Committee.

The award will be presented at a community forum co-hosted by the Partnership and the **Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce** entitled "Investing in our Children, Families and Workforce" on April 4th. This forum is part of the Partnership’s initiative to promote the connection between businesses, families and child care. Organizers have planned to present both nationwide and local perspectives on best family-friendly practices in the workplace.

The deadline for submitting a nomination is March 1, 2006. To request a nomination form or to learn more about the April Forum, please contact Jeremy Evans at the Durham's Partnership for Children, 919-403-6960 or jeremy@dpfc.net.

About Durham’s Partnership for Children

Durham's Partnership for Children was founded in 1994 and first funded in 1995 to administer the Smart Start grant in Durham County. Smart Start is North Carolina's nationally recognized initiative to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. Smart Start helps working parents pay for childcare, improves the quality of childcare and provides health and family support services in every North Carolina County. The Partnership works with funded partners (affiliated organizations) to achieve its mission: “To mobilize and unify the Durham community to create and support innovative and successful approaches to serving the needs of children 0-5 and their families.” Durham’s Partnership for Children also administers the Governor’s More at Four Program in Durham County.

For more information about Durham’s Partnership for Children, visit www.dpfc.net or call 919-403-6960.