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WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING UPDATES:



RALEIGH, NC - Dr. Mike Smith has assumed the role of Vice-Chair for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Dr. Smith has served on the Wake County SmartStart (WCSS) board since 2008 and first became involved with WCSS by serving as a community stakeholder on the Allocations Committee in 1999. Mike brings over thirty years of experience as a pediatrician and throughout his career has advocated for quality early childhood educational programs. In addition to being recognized by WCSS for his volunteer service he has received numerous Physician and Community awards.



Charlotte Clark Turpin has been elected to the WCSS Board of Directors for a three year term beginning October 2013. Ms. Turpin is a graduate of St. Augustine's University and a life-long educator and advocate. She has an impressive history of engagement around preparing children for academic success. This includes service to Wake NCAE, the National and North Carolina Associations of Educators and the Harriet B. Webster Taskforce for Student Success.



Jim Green also joins the WCSS Board of Directors for a three year term effective April of 2013. Jim is the Chief Development Officer for Stop Hunger Now and previously served for nine years in Resource Development for the United Way in North Carolina and in Colorado. Jim will bring his wealth of experience as a community catalyst to WCSS, igniting support and engagement. He has a solid history of creating solutions that change lives in Wake County for the better.

About Wake County SmartStart

Wake County SmartStart works to ensure children, birth to five, are prepared for success in school and in life. This mission is carried out in three goal areas; accessible and available high quality child care, safe and healthy living environments and kindergarten readiness. Through community collaborations and funding of local partners, we expand the support available to children and their families. By working together, we are strengthening the outcomes for not only our children, but our entire community. To learn more about our mission, visit www.wakesmartstart.org.