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Smart Start Recognizes 3 Outstanding Individuals

WINSTON-SALEM, NC— On Thursday October 21st Smart Start of Forsyth County held its Annual Meeting and Celebration. The breakfast event was held at the Old Salem Visitor's Center.

Mike Britt, Executive Director of the Centers for Exceptional Children, was featured as the keynote speaker.

Receiving special recognition at the event were three individuals whose impact on the lives of young children deserved special honor and appreciation. The Outstanding Volunteer award was presented to Dr. Willie Stevens for past dedication to Smart Start's Allocations process; the Service to Early Education award was presented to Othella Johnson, founder of the Center for Creative Learning; and the Dean Clifford Leadership award was presented to Mike Britt for exemplary leadership and vision in early childhood development.

Smart Start of Forsyth began offering services as an official Smart Start partnership in December 1994. Since then the organization has provided child care subsidies, dental screenings, child care provider scholarships, and other vital services to thousands of children ages birth to five, their families, and the local industry that supports those families.

Smart Start is an organization that administers programs to improve the quality, affordability, and accessibility of child care, as well as provide access to health services and necessary family support to the community. For more information call 336-725-6011.

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