



FY 24 Annual Report August 2023 - July 2024

A Year of Gratitude and Celebration


The 
Craddock
Center
for **CHILD**
and **FAMILY**
ENRICHMENT



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From the Executive Director

HAPPY NEW YEAR! On July 31, 2024, The Craddock Center wrapped up another fiscal year. We had an exceptionally good year in so many ways with many reasons to celebrate and be grateful.

For a nonprofit such as The Craddock Center, staying relevant is essential to our long-term impact, sustainability, and ability to fulfill our mission. To remain effective, The Craddock Center must stay aligned with current needs and trends in the areas we serve. If we become outdated, we may fail to address the most pressing challenges or lose our ability to create meaningful change in our community.



By staying relevant, The Craddock Center and its Board demonstrate that it understands the evolving landscape in our community and can provide innovative and effective solutions. One way we remained relevant was to address the need to help parents become their child's first best teacher. On November 16, 2023, we celebrated the beginning of one of our newest and very innovative programs, Smart Babies. And in April 2024, The Craddock Center received a grant for \$100,000 to support Smart Babies through 2028. We are grateful that a benefactor saw the value and need of Smart Babies and wanted to support the program for the next four years.

A nonprofit that is relevant and respected is more likely to attract valuable partners who see the organization as a critical player in addressing current issues. The respect for The Craddock Center was evident on January 26, 2024, when we were awarded the 2023 Nonprofit of the Year by the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce. This was definitely a time of celebration and gratitude by the staff, Board, and volunteers of The Craddock Center.

Volunteers often want to contribute their time and energy to causes that feel meaningful and impactful. A relevant nonprofit is more likely to attract and retain committed volunteers who feel they are contributing to something important and timely. In FY24, we had 364 volunteer encounters (an increase of 58% from the previous fiscal year) and our volunteers logged 2,952 hours (an increase of 110% from the previous fiscal year). We also had 68 new volunteers.

Remaining relevant is about continually evaluating our mission, strategies, and programs to ensure they are impactful, resonant with supporters, and responsive to the communities we serve. This is very important to our Board. In FY24 we completed the three-year strategic plan that began in 2022, and we now have a new plan that will take us into 2027. Remaining relevant means being flexible and able to adapt to new conditions, emerging issues, and changes in community needs and our new plan reflects that.

Some of the highlights of the year include:

- The Craddock Center and its six Arts Specialists provided the Children's Enrichment Program to 1,150 pre-K and Head Start children in nine counties in three states. We provided these children: four brand new books during the year (4,600 books), handmade knitted hats & wooden toys, a pair of gloves, and 930 hours of Children's Enrichment Programming. And, thanks to our donors, we were able to go into the classrooms for 30 weeks during the school year!
- We also donated 983 new books, and 1,170 nearly new books to other non-profits and organizations and gave away 500 books to children at local festivals.
- Continued to support Mental Health initiatives and programs in Fannin and Gilmer counties.
- Added three New board members.
- The Living Room program provided furniture and household goods to 117 families and individuals in Fannin and Gilmer Counties. An increase of 16% from the previous year.
- Provided 89 Craddock Cares bags to local first responders and other organizations and non-profits.

Once again, we ended the year in a strong financial position due to the generosity of our donors and grant income. The Craddock Center added 81 new supporters to our donor rolls. Thank you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Craddock Center is looking forward to our continued service to the children and families of southern Appalachia!

Kirk Cameron

Kirk Cameron, Executive Director

From the President

The end of the fiscal year is a time to look back and celebrate all we accomplished during this year. It is also a time to renew our mission and to carefully take a look at what The Craddock Center represents to the children of our Appalachian community. This is also a time of hope - looking forward to accomplishing our new goals the Board of Directors set in our strategic planning in August.

As we move forward into a new year, I am filled with gratitude. Thank you to each of our donors. Your generosity and continued support help The Craddock Center continue our Children's Enrichment Program and our Smart Babies workshops. Many of you live in other areas of our country and I do not know you personally. If a trip brings you to beautiful northern Georgia, I would love to meet you and share our programs with you. To our anonymous donors online, I hope you see our Annual Report and know you are making a difference in the lives of the children in Appalachia. Thank you.

The Craddock Center is a team of dedicated individuals, and I am most grateful for our Executive Director, Kirk Cameron. Kirk holds the vision of our mission and oversees the implementation of our programs. Anne Williamson assists Kirk in the office, and I appreciate her help.

Thank You to all our volunteers. Whether you are packing books to be distributed, knitting hats for the children, carving wooden toys, packing toys at Christmas, taking classes on how to facilitate a Smart Babies class to participating and leading a Smart Babies workshop, each of you is appreciated and respected for the time you give to The Craddock Center.

Our art specialists are aptly named because each one is special. Each brings to the preschoolers their own personality, skills, and talents. It is a joy to be able to attend a class and see how the children love the interaction they have with these special women. Thank you.

As President of The Craddock Center, I am most grateful for the very active, hard-working, and enthusiastic Board of Directors.

I am also very appreciative of the support we receive from our local communities.

Again, thank you for being with us as we enter our new year.

Sue Hriljac

Sue Hriljac, President of the Board

Overview

The mission of The Craddock Center is to deliver programs to young children, families, and individuals in Southern Appalachia. The area we serve consists of nine (9) counties including Dawson, Gilmer, Fannin, Lumpkin, Pickens, Towns, and Union Counties in Georgia, Polk County in eastern Tennessee, and Cherokee County in western North Carolina (see Appendix 1).



DID YOU KNOW:

- Every year 40% of children go into Kindergarten 1 to 3 years behind.
- Most students who start behind stay behind, year after year.
- Students who start Kindergarten below grade level form the largest cohort of dropouts, and they have less than a 2% chance of attending post high school education.
- From birth to age 5, a child learns at a speed unmatched for the rest of their life.



This is what The Craddock Center is trying to address, and prevent, through our Pre-K and Head Start programs. Our founders often spoke on the importance of providing these very young ones with enriching activities to encourage creativity and experiences with the arts. As a result, The Craddock Center's emphasis becomes the foundation for these children to achieve their full potential in all areas of their lives.

Additionally, we serve many children living in poverty who lack self-worth and often live in significant isolation. We focus our attention on developing school readiness, building self-esteem, and fostering creativity through music, movement, puppetry, and storytelling. Our program is literally an outreach where our artists and volunteers go on-site to deliver messages of hope and happiness through joy-filled experiences. Our mission of "Happy & Hope. We Deliver" is a mission in action that comes alive each day through the work of The Craddock Center.

"We are about the business of enriching lives, of lifting self-esteem, of instilling a sense of self-worth, of effecting socialization so that each child can play and study and grow as an equal to other children."

– Dr. Fred Craddock

"Thank you so much for the books! The kids are so proud of them! AND...Thank you for everything you do to promote literacy!"

- Katrina Kingsley, Director, Gilmer County Pre-K

"Thank you so much for the books and book markers! The kids loved them!"

- Melissa Buchanan, Pickens County Head Start

"Thanks for all you and your staff do for the children."

- Sherry Moore, Director, Fannin County Head Start

"Thank you so much for the books and the bookmarks. The kids loved them."

- Jessica Chambers, Dawson Head Start

"Our class was so excited to receive the hats and gloves. Thank you so much!"

- Brittany Young, West Fannin Elementary School Pre-K

"Thank you for all that your crew does for the kids."

- Brian Hoyt, Murphy Elementary Pre-K

"We appreciate everything that you do for our children and families."

- Stacey Trammell, Lumpkin County Head Start

"We are so appreciative of the heartfelt donations. We appreciate all the kindness and support from the Craddock Center!!"

- Tonya Kellogg, Director, Pickens County Head Start

"Thank you all so much for the books, hats, and gloves! The children so enjoyed getting them."

- Julie Murphy, Director, Fannin Head Start

"The students love them! Thank you so much for all you do for our Pre-K students!"

- Holly Cook, Union Elementary School Pre-K



Programs

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The **Children's Enrichment Program** is considered the signature program of The Craddock Center. Our program is delivered free of charge to pre-schools and Head Start programs in our southern Appalachian area. Priority is given to schools with the highest percentage of children on free or reduced lunches. We have specially designed our programs, based on research for optimal learning, to best prepare these children for Kindergarten. The Craddock Center's programming becomes the foundation for these children to achieve their full potential in all areas of their lives.



We can do this because of our wonderful team of six Arts Specialists who have a combined 160 years of experience in early childhood education, music education, and storytelling. The primary role of the Arts Specialists is to love children and to engage and enrich them through music, storytelling, and movement. They are the key to the success of the Children's Enrichment Program. Using songs and stories, the Arts Specialists conduct 30-minute programs with preschoolers according to a defined weekly schedule. They use music, instruments, props, movement, puppets, storytelling, and routines to encourage children to sing, move, dance, and play. They help build vocabulary and self-esteem and promote motor and rhythmic skills. They serve as cheerful "ambassadors" of The Craddock Center at all the schools we serve. Our Arts Specialists served 1,150 pre-K and Head Start students in 62 classrooms in 20 schools in three states! **Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Natalie Jones, Liese Connell, Jane Cunningham, Claudia Bradford, Sheila Clayton, and Kathy Thompson!**

BOOKS TO CHILDREN

The Craddock Center provides thousands of new children's books to our "little ones" three times during the school year. **That's 4,600 new books last year!**

In mid-November, each child receives a new book to enjoy during their Thanksgiving break.

On March 2nd, The Craddock Center celebrated Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. On this day volunteers from The Craddock Center delivered brand new Dr. Seuss books to the children we serve. Read Across America Day is a day to celebrate the joys of reading. It also brings awareness to the importance of reading in education for our children. The founders of this day decided to have it on Dr. Seuss' birthday. Dr. Seuss is one of the greatest authors of children's books. Most kids have grown up reading his many entertaining books. The Craddock Center is making sure our kids can share in the joy of his books like many of us have over the years.

In May, we had *Summer Send Off*. Summer reading is critical for our children to retain knowledge and skills learned in Pre-K and Head Start. Additionally, children who don't read are at risk of falling behind their classmates. This program provides our children an opportunity to continue learning. Each child receives a "goodie bag" with two books, a book reading log, stickers, and arts & crafts supplies to create hand puppets.

In addition to classrooms, The Craddock Center visits community events and gives out books to all school-age children. These books are primarily donated to The Center through the generosity of our nationwide network of supporters. We donated 983 new books and 1,170 nearly new books to other non-profits and organizations in our community.

Literacy research shows a correlation between the number of age-appropriate books that a child has at home and the number of years of school that child will complete.

Further, the skills children develop when they handle books are critical to the development of literacy. Simple knowledge, such as how to turn pages, the orientation and direction of print, and relationship between pictures and story, is difficult to learn unless children have experienced holding books.



OUR NEWEST PROGRAM!

SMART BABIES!



Research performed by The Craddock Center showed that the parent is the child's first teacher.

But we also found that some parents do not have the knowledge or tools to fully help develop their child's mind. Since learning in the first five years is at a speed unmatched by any other time in life, the knowledge and tools must be provided to these parents. The Craddock Center plans to do exactly that.

Over a year of research and planning led to the development of parenting workshops through a program called 'Smart Babies.' Our first workshop was conducted on November 16, 2023.

We have chosen Ready for Kindergarten as the curriculum for our program. In February 2023, two representatives from The Children's Reading Foundation came to The Craddock Center and presented a mock workshop for three board members and our Executive Director. They explained the program, shared materials, and answered our many questions. Those in attendance unanimously decided this program would meet and exceed our needs in developing workshops for parents of children, ages 0-3, to become the best first teacher for their babies.

The Guiding Principles of this program are:

- Honor parents as their child's most influential and most loved teacher.
- Foster effective early-learning experiences for children birth to age 5.
- Instill children with a joy and zest for learning that lasts a lifetime.
- Build relationships between parent, child, family, school, and community.

Each year, parents attend three workshops designed to teach them effective, age-specific, methods to help their baby's mind develop. The parents are provided with appropriate tools, toys, books, and given suggestions on using these tools with their children. Reading and playing with their children is encouraged. Many targets, such as language and literacy, math and reasoning, and social and emotional learning are covered in the program.

The word is out in our community about the quality of this program and new agencies are eager to join. And thanks to the \$100,000 grant we received last April, we can support this growth! In FY24 we conducted workshops in three locations (Her Hope Pregnancy Center, Safe Choice Pregnancy Center, and Georgia Mountain Health) with plans to expand to at least two more locations (Fannin County and Gilmer County Head Start) in FY25. In addition, we have trained six new workshop facilitators to help support our growth.

KNITTED HATS, GLOVES, AND WOODEN TOYS

Winters in the mountains can be cold, and many of the children we serve do not have adequate clothing for the cold, winter months. A warm knitted hat, and a pair of gloves helps tremendously in preventing loss of critical body heat in the very young. In mid-November, our volunteers provided the children we serve with cozy knitted hats and a pair of gloves.

That's 1,150 knitted hats and pairs of gloves!

What would we do without these talented supporters who knit these wonderfully colorful hats with lots of love and care? Thanks to the following for donating over 1600 knitted hats:

The Fiber Art Group of the Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association, the Encouragement Project, and Peachtree Christian Church, Bascomb UMC United Women in Faith, Lutheran Church by the Lake Women, and Gloria Frey, Carrie Johnson, Mary Flynn, Ann Grant, Susan Marino, Gladys Keith, Emily Matthews, Darlene Bundrick, Tricia Colburn, Penny Lindsay, Christina McMichael, Linda Sutton, Drake Family, Geiser Family, Patricia Marchlowitz, Rosalie Parson, Rose Bonnett, Marcia Congdon, Janet Elder, Cindy Minick, and Lynn Starr.

We are also most appreciative of our generous and talented "elves" from Texas, Florida, and Georgia who send cases of hand-carved, wooden toys. These wooden toys are given to children in the Children's Enrichment Program in mid-December.

That's 1,150, beautiful, made with love, wooden toys for our children!

Thanks to the following for making these wonderful toys: **Toy Makers of East Lake in Palm, Harbor, Florida, St. Luke's United Methodist Church Houston, Texas, Woodworkers Guild of Georgia, and Charlie Stoudenmire, Gary Padgett & Gordon Hellman in Woodstock, GA., and the Woodworkers of north Georgia.**



***"The best way to
find yourself is to
lose yourself in the
service of others."***

– Mahatma Gandhi



**“A person’s
a person no
matter how
small”**

— Dr. Seuss



CRADDOCK CARES

Craddock Cares is an outreach program sponsored by The Craddock Center. Craddock Cares was formed to support children, women, and the elderly who find themselves in emergency situations, displacements, and other significant crisis events.

Our Craddock Cares kits include selected items placed in 2-gallon, water-proof bags. The bags are designed to be easily carried by first responders for emergency use when transporting or caring temporarily for children or adults in transition. One Craddock Cares kit includes: Lightweight tote bag, Blanket, Bottled water, Stuffed animal, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Bar Soap, Hand towel, and a Hat and gloves (winter months).

We gave away 89 kits to local first responders and other organizations this fiscal year.

WELCOME NEWBORN KITS

On behalf of The Craddock Center, local agencies in our community provide the mothers a 'Welcome Newborn' kit. Each kit contains: Congratulations letter from The Craddock Center with our contact information, an article titled '50 Simple Ways to Make Your Baby Smarter', a new children's book, blanket, baby socks, baby wipes, Sesame Street rattle and a small wooden toy.

The goal is to promote learning skills beginning at age '0' and for the parents to help prepare the children for pre-K and kindergarten. Hopefully, the recipient of the kit will contact The Craddock Center so that we can send them books. We will keep track of those that contact us so that we can encourage their enrollment into pre-K as they approach 3 years old.



THE LIVING ROOM

The Living Room is a furniture and household goods outreach program stocked wholly from donations from our surrounding community. This outreach of The Craddock Center grew significantly during the pandemic.

Used and occasionally new furniture and household items are shared with families who are in crisis, recovering from fire, eviction, mold infestation, or family violence. We often see young families with small children visiting The Living Room in search of very simple items such as a table, a chair, or a set of dishes. We have a partnership with Family Connections in Gilmer and Fannin Counties. This has enabled us to offer support to organizations such as the Women's Crisis Center. We saw many similar organizations in our community increase referrals of families in need to The Living Room. The Living Room is open every day for donations and open to families to select their items two days a week.

The Craddock Center provided furniture and household goods to 117 families and individuals this last year. This was an increase of 16% from the previous fiscal year.

"One Person caring about another represents life's greatest value." - Jim Rohn

CUB SCOUTS

The Craddock Center charts a Cub Scout Troop, Pack 440. The Scouting's focus on children and family aligns perfectly with the mission of The Craddock Center. The Craddock Center works with Scouting leadership to promote and grow the new Pack 440 and host events like Carnival Day, NOVA experiences, and the annual Pinewood Derby. Pack 440 is considered a "Family Troop" consisting of both boys and girls. Our Pack grew from the original four members to nine members in its first year.





Songs & Stories

Songs & Stories returned to The Craddock Center on March 9, 2024, to a packed house.

Natalie Jones, one of The Craddock Center's Arts Specialist, provided lively and humorous storytelling and John McCutcheon, a world-traveled musician and songwriter, returned to thrill the guests with beautiful folk music.

The concert was free to those who attended but they responded with generous donations that were used to purchase books for the children we serve.

Songs & Stories was started by Dr. Fred Craddock twenty years ago. He wanted something in the winter that people could enjoy. An event that brought people together to have a fun winter afternoon highlighting the old Appalachian traditions of storytelling and folk music.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

At The Craddock Center, we want to reflect on the bright spots and find reasons to celebrate and show gratitude. And there were many! And there were many because of our wonderful, hard-working volunteers. Without our volunteers, we could not have enriched the lives of the children and families we have served for the last 23 years. We go back to part of our mission statement... "We serve by Sharing." Our volunteers exemplified this! The Craddock Center is grateful for all of those who share their time, talents, and gifts with those we serve. We had 364 volunteer encounters, and our volunteers logged 2,952 hours to support the work of The Craddock Center. This was an increase of 110% from the previous fiscal year. 68 new volunteers joined us this past year.

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." – Jane Goodall



Friends of The Craddock Center

It is the friends of The Craddock Center who have made our work possible the last 23 years as we live and experience the vision of Fred and Nettie Craddock to "enrich the lives of children and families in southern Appalachia." **Thank you and recognition to those individuals, organizations, and foundations for their generosity in supporting The Craddock Center since August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.**

\$100,000+ Anonymous Foundation

\$20,000+

The Warren & Augusta Hume Foundation
Eugene and Karen Boring

\$10,000+

Gary and Nancy Fayard

\$15,000+

William B. Orkin Foundation, Inc.

\$9,000+

James and Carla Self
Earline Crooke

\$6,000+

Elizabeth Roberts King Endowment

\$5,000+

The Scott Hudgens Family Foundation
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Mrs. Nettie Craddock

\$4,000+

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Christian Church Foundation

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New Hope Christian Church
Ellijay Lions Club

Faith, Hope, and Charity
Sarah Allred
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\$2,000+

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Marcia Lehman
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Ray Larson
AFC Home Club
Robin Massaro

\$1,000+

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Marvin and Eileen McRoberts

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Darryl and Marilyn Devnich
Lisa Weir
Judith Long
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Alvin and Chris Taylor
Francine Huff
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ANNUAL REPORT - APPENDIX 1

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM DATA

States, Districts, Schools, Programs, and Numbers Served

FY 2024

State and School District	School and Program	Number of Children Served	Number of Classrooms
Tennessee			
Polk County	Copper Basin ES (preschool)	28	2
		TN Total = 28	TN Total = 2
North Carolina			
Cherokee County	Andrews HS (Head Start)	20	1
	Andrews ES (preschool)	18	1
	Martins Cr (preschool)	18	1
	Murphy HS (Head Start)	51	3
	Murphy ES (preschool)	36	2
	Ranger ES (preschool)	18	1
		NC Total = 161	NC Total = 9
Georgia			
Dawson County	Dawson HS (Head Start)	70	3
Gilmer County	Gilmer HS (Head Start)	87	5
	Gilmer ES (preschool)	122	6
Fannin County	Blue Ridge ES (preschool)	21	1
	Fannin HS (Head Start)	91	6
	East Fannin ES (preschool)	37	2
	Milestones PS (preschool)	29	1
	West Fannin ES (preschool)	22	1
Lumpkin County	Lumpkin HS (Head Start)	131	7
Pickens County	Pickens HS (Head Start)	106	6
Towns County	Towns HS & PS (Head Start & preschool)	54	3
Union County	Union ES (preschool)	140	7
	Union HS (Head Start)	51	2
		GA Total = 961	GA Total = 51
Southern Appalachian Total		Total = 1,150	Total = 62

**“Unless
someone like
YOU cares a
whole awful
lot, Nothing
is going to
get better.
It’s not.”**

— Dr. Seuss



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