



MILK & HONEY

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Judy Chastain

Judy is a retired teacher from Cherokee County, NC. During her career as a teacher, she earned the title of Teacher of the Year at Hiwassee Dam School.



She also served as the director of “For Our Kids’ Sake” and was director of the 21st Century Aftercare at Ranger Elementary School. In these programs she provided enrichment to children, implemented music, art and STEM projects, and worked afterschool tutoring students. Today, Judy can be found as a Craddock Center artist working in preschool and Head Start classrooms singing songs and telling stories. Judy and her husband have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren who are the love of her life. She is excited about being a part of The Craddock Center and spending time with those she loves most..... the children!



It’s Fall at The Craddock Center!

The gold, orange, burgundy, and red colors are exploding all around us. It is truly one of the most beautiful times of the year in Cherry Log, Georgia.

During this wonderful time of year, our thoughts turn toward gratitude and appreciation for those who love, support, and give their time and talents to The Craddock Center. Each group of volunteers is special. So, here’s a “shout out” to each one of you who mean so much to us.



Our volunteers are second to none. Thank you so much for the time spent helping and supporting The Craddock Center. You do everything from folding newsletters, to helping with mass mailings, labeling our books, counting the wooden toys, and sorting through those precious knitted hats ... “Is this hat a small, medium, or large? Would a little boy like this hat, or is this a hat a little girl would enjoy?”



Volunteers also assist us from far away. We have groups in Texas, Florida, and Metro Atlanta that help Santa by creating wooden toys for kids. Knitters, near and far, lovingly knit winter hats for all our little friends. Then, a new group of volunteers help in delivering hats and brand new books to our classrooms. We couldn’t bring all that happiness and hope to our children without you.

Thank you, Volunteers!

THE CRADDOCK CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to deliver educational and cultural programs to children, families, and communities, primarily in Southern Appalachia. We serve by sharing and spreading centuries old traditions of song and story characteristic of the region.



A Taste of Milk and Honey



DR. FRED B. CRADDOCK

IT HURTS, BUT I UNDERSTAND when someone turns down our request for financial support with the response, “*We give to the poor but to programs that meet their **real** needs.*” Meaning, of course, food and clothing, especially at Christmas.

Blessings on those programs; who could deny food and clothing to a child? ... But that is not our primary mission. 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. We do this through songs, art, and stories. Studies show that participating in such programs increase a child’s success in school and in life in the community.

The records of some charities indicate that they give to children just as they gave to their parents and to their grandparents. Generation after generation the story continues the same.

Our goal is to break the cycle, to change the story. There are 13 million children living in depressing poverty in this country [13.4 million in 2019]. But we get up each morning believing our small effort is making and will continue to make a difference. And every dollar we receive is an investment in that difference, and, on behalf of the children, **we thank you.**

Written by Dr. Craddock in November, 2004, and it’s still true today, 15 years later in November, 2019.



The Holidays Are Just Around the Corner!

The entire staff of The Craddock Center wish each of our friends and family the best holiday season ever. When we gather at Thanksgiving, one of our blessings is the opportunity we’ve been given to enjoy working alongside each other and the precious children we serve.

Also, **BEST WISHES**, to each of you as we celebrate all the joys of the Holiday Season. It is certainly the most wonderful time of the year!



Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!

Santa and Mrs. Claus are making their rounds to our schools during the month of December. His sleigh is filled with wooden toys and candy canes galore! Boys and girls, be sure to watch for his visit.



Save the Date....

Songs and Stories

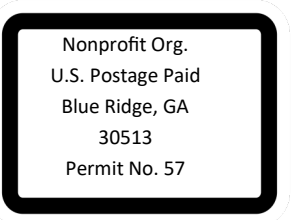
Saturday, January 25, 2020 @ 3:00PM
The Craddock Center.

Gopher Broke, from Blue Ridge, GA, is a band rooted in Southern Appalachian folk, rock, and blues. They will open our show, and **Carol Cain**, as Rosie the Riveter, will provide our stories!

More info in our January – February Newsletter.



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