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### **“Better Together” – Two Pittsboro Nonprofits Join Forces**

The Boards of Directors of Chatham County Partnership for Children and Child Care Networks, Inc., are pleased to announce a positive step they have taken to better serve the community. The two organizations have approved a Plan of Merger that will be effective January 1, 2016. The merger of these two Pittsboro-based nonprofits will increase efficiency so that their work can benefit more children in Chatham County and beyond. The merged agency will be called Chatham County Partnership for Children and will incorporate the programs and strengths of both agencies.

Child Care Networks, founded in 1984, and Chatham County Partnership for Children, founded in 1994, have a strong history of effective services and good management, but each faced sustainability challenges due to reduced funding. Their closely aligned missions and history of collaboration led them to consider whether merger might allow them to enhance their ability to fulfill each mission. A capacity-building grant from Triangle Community Foundation awarded in February 2015 paved the way for a formal assessment of the feasibility and desirability of a merger of the two organizations. In May, the assessment results recommended merger as feasible and beneficial; in June the two Boards entered into formal negotiations. In July a second-phase grant from Triangle Community Foundation was awarded for merger-related expenses. Both Boards unanimously approved the Plan of Merger in October.

The mission of the merged organization will be to promote opportunities for all young children to grow up safe, healthy and able to succeed. In collaboration with community partners, Chatham County Partnership for Children will continue to plan, fund, and implement quality early care and education and health and family support initiatives. For more information on programs and services, visit the two websites: [www.childcarenetworks.org](http://www.childcarenetworks.org) and [www.chathamkids.org](http://www.chathamkids.org). You can also follow our activities on Facebook!

Genevieve Megginson will continue to serve as Executive Director of the organization after the merger. Erin Suwattana, current Executive Director of Child Care Networks, will serve as a Program Director in the merged organization. For more information, contact Genevieve Megginson at 919-542-7449 ext. 24.