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Commissioner Reckhow to Partner with Corps Members During National Volunteer Week

On Friday, May 2, Durham County Commissioner Ellen Reckhow will take on the role of an AmeriCorps volunteer. As part of National Volunteer Week, announced by Gov. Mike Easley last week, Commissioner Reckhow will partner with Child Care Services Association's T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Corps members to teach a preschool lesson focused on literacy development.

At 10:30 am on May 2, Commissioner Reckhow will read to a class of 3- and 4-year-olds at Yates Baptist Child Development Center at 2819 Chapel Hill Rd in Durham. Following the reading, the children will participate in an activity led by a Child Care Services Association (CCSA) AmeriCorps member to help them process what they have learned from the book.

During National Volunteer Week, April 27 - May 3, AmeriCorps members throughout the state will partner with community volunteers to participate in a variety of service projects. "We are very lucky to have a community leader like Commissioner Reckhow volunteering with us in recognition of this special week. Her support of early care and education in Durham has led to so many improvements for the children in child care and has heightened community awareness of the needs of young children," Sue Russell, president of Child Care Services Association, said.

"Volunteering is one of the best ways to strengthen our community. Because early care and education is critical to the success of young children and the community, reading to preschoolers is a great way to get involved and help children get off to a strong start in life," Commissioner Reckhow said.

CCSA's T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Corps members work on early literacy with young children and help improve the quality of child care in the Triangle by providing substitute hours while teachers attend school and participate in professional development.

Founded in 1974, CCSA is a nationally accredited nonprofit working to ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality child care for all children and families. The organization accomplishes its mission through direct services, research and advocacy. CCSA provides a nutrition program for children in child care settings, free referral services to families seeking child care and quality improvement assistance to child care businesses. CCSA's T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project provides educational scholarships to early childhood educators in every North Carolina county and is licensed in 20 other states. The Child Care WAGE\$® Project provides salary supplements to child care providers throughout the state and is licensed in three other states. For more information please visit www.childcareservices.org.

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