

# MudPies celebrates 45 years, honors Dr. Manderline Scales

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Northwest Child Development Centers and MudPies celebrated 45 years in early childhood education by honoring longtime educator and board member Dr. Manderline Scales at a Dec. 3 event.

The annual Board of Directors meeting held at the Millennium Center was a festive event as NWDC celebrated its anniversary. WXII 12 News reporter Margaret Johnson acted as MC and Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Elwood Robinson was the keynote speaker.

The non-profit NWDC currently operates four MudPies centers serving Forsyth, Davie and Stokes Counties, including two locations in downtown Winston-Salem. The four- and five-star child development facilities provide a

creative curriculum for infants through age five, and have state-of-the-art technology and teachers with four-year degrees. MudPies also offers an after school program and summer camp.

"Visionaries who established the foundation of NWDC and MudPies Centers over forty-five years ago created a timeless endeavor - help children build their road to success, starting with the fundamentals of an excellent early childhood education," NWDC CEO Tony Burton wrote in a letter for the event's program.

Established in 1970 as the Northwest Child Development Council, NWDC opened its first center in 1971. It would grow to serve six counties in Northwest North Carolina. Over the years it's had a variety of programs, including one where teachers would visit children in their homes.

NWDC has sponsored many childcare facilities in a variety of locations. In its formative years its centers were located in places like churches, public facilities, recreation centers and even a few public schools.

Dr. Scales said it was her work in early childhood education that led to her being recruited to the NWDC board, where she's served for more than 15 years. During the 1980s, she started and ran the Shiloh and St. Peter's Childcare Center in the former Brown Elementary School, which had kindergarten, after school and summer enrichment programs. She said it served nearly 500 children at one time.

Scales, who is now retired, spent 55 years in the education field. She started as a teacher at the original Atkins High School. She was one of the teachers that integrated Parkland High School. She

began the first Spanish program for local high schools and then did the same at Winston-Salem State University. She worked at WSSU for nearly three decades, becoming Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. She currently chairs the Scholarship Committee for the Emancipation Association, which will be giving away four \$1000 scholarships to college bound high school seniors during its annual New Year's service.

Scales said she was surprised and delighted to be honored with the first Vision Award given out by NWDC to honor those who've worked in early childhood education. She said she still takes pride in those she's taught over the years.

"I have been in Winston-Salem all of my life and I have some of the most beautiful former students that I still praise and



NWDC CEO Tony Burton with Dr. Manderline Scales at the NWDC Board of Directors Annual Meeting held at the Millennium Center on Dec. 3.

also been renamed in her honor and is now known as the Dr. Manderline Scales Vision Award.

The Vision Award has



Annette Nickols of I am 2 Sweet 4 Diabetes greets attendee at her table on Tuesday, Dec. 29. To celebrate the fourth principle of Kwanzaa, Ujamaa or cooperative economics, attendees learned about locally black-owned businesses by visiting vendors that were set up at the Carl Russell Recreation Center.

## Kwanzaa event spotlights local black-owned businesses

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Black business owners from across the Triad assembled at the Carl Russell Recreation Center Tuesday evening to celebrate the fourth principle of Kwanzaa, Ujamaa.

The Swahili term means cooperative economics, which emphasizes economic strength and encourages the African-American community to meet common needs through mutual support.

During the event, while enjoying a number of Kwanzaa traditions, residents were allowed to shop and learn about the black-owned businesses in the area.

Event coordinator Ben Piggot said he

decided to sponsor the event to draw attention to the many businesses in Winston-Salem that are owned and operated by African-Americans.

"A lot of the black-owned businesses don't get the attention they deserve because the community doesn't know about them," he said. "We want the community to get to know the black business owners in the area and support them."

Local artist and community activist Jay Carlton was honored with a community service award during the event as well. Carlton, who teaches art classes at local recreation centers, said he was honored to receive the award during such a joyous and meaningful occasion such as Kwanzaa.

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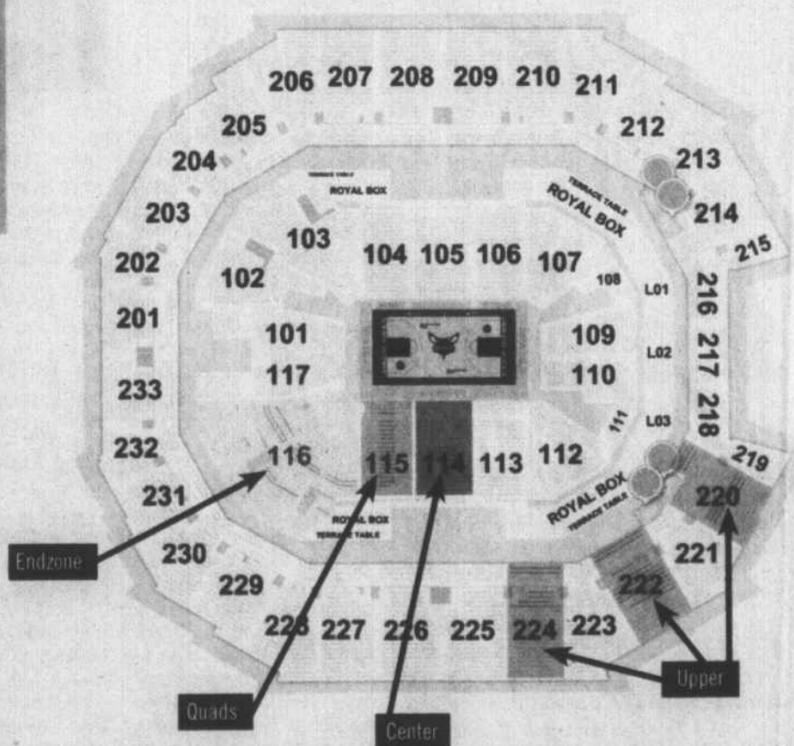
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