

One Great Community Salutes

Chamber Champion Darla Randall

Darla Randall has been a faithful member of the Wayne County Community her entire life. She grew up here, raises her family here and now is an integral part of many organizations including Kiwanis Club of Richmond, the Annual Women's Conference, the United Way Education Vision Council, Countywide Partnership for Youth of Wayne County, the Wayne County Literacy Coalition, Prevent Child Abuse Wayne County and the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce.

Darla currently resides in Cambridge City where she is actively involved in the Cambridge City Christian Church. She sings in the choir and leads a small group for teenage girls. She is also co-President of the Beta Pi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Cambridge City.

The proud mother, has 3 sons who range from age 12, the youngest, attending Lincoln Middle School to ages 19 and 21, both attending college out of state. Darla graduated from Northeastern High School and went on to Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, TN. She also has a Master of Science in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University.

On top of all of this, it is Birth-to-Five that, as Darla put it, "is my passion!" Darla began with Birth-to-Five as a part-time Parent Educator in 1994 and became the Executive Director in 2002. She says, "By connecting with Birth-to-Five, parents become more confident in their role as their child's first teacher. This leads them to be a stronger partner in their child's education throughout their school years." Darla believes in Birth-to-Five and wants to share it with as many families in Wayne County as she can. Simply stated, "We believe ALL parents and families can benefit from connecting with Birth-to-Five programs and services. Whether it's attending one of the weekly playgroups, enjoying Book Buddies throughout the school year, or participating in personal home visits, there is something for everyone!"

Break Out Facts:

- Staff of 15
- 200 home visits per month
- 1500 books given to children each year
- 8 playgroups offered serving 60 children per week plus parents
- Free annual developmental and health screenings for enrolled children
- Make 1000's of connections with families and local programs & services

Website: www.mybirthtofive.org

Congratulations Darla, the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce and the One Great Community Salutes Program recognizes you as a Chamber Champion!