

## **Partnership promotes literacy during local Christmas parades**

The Randolph County Partnership for Children will promote family literacy by distributing thousands of books to young children during upcoming Christmas parades in Randleman, Ramseur, Liberty, Franklinville and Asheboro.

On Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m., Santa will ride aboard the Partnership's Success By 6® local advisory committee float as part of the Randleman Christmas parade, as volunteers distribute 1,000 books to young children along the parade route.

For the Asheboro Christmas parade on December 4, the Partnership will continue its collaboration with the Kiwanis Club of Asheboro to present "The Gift of Reading." Young children from Partnership funded programs will ride the float, as Kiwanis and Asheboro High School Key Club volunteers distribute 2,000 books to young children and their families. The books are donated by the Kiwanis Club of Asheboro. The Asheboro Christmas parade begins at 7 p.m. in downtown Asheboro.

On December 5 at 10 a.m., children and parents participating in the Franklinville Parents as Teachers program will ride in the Franklinville parade, and books will also be distributed to young parade goers. Also on December 5 at 2:30 p.m., Celebrate Liberty's Children will join with the Liberty Rotary Club and the Liberty Chamber of Commerce with volunteers distributing books during the Liberty Christmas parade.

The Ramseur Smart Start advisory committee and Franklinville/Ramseur Parents as Teachers participants will also support and participate in the Ramseur Christmas parade, to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 12.