

## Milestones in History

### 1953

- A new state organization, *Parents and Friends of Mentally Retarded Children* was organized. Freda Holshouser of Salisbury appointed District 11 Chairman, representing five counties.

### 1954

- The local group held an organizational meeting in the basement of Park Avenue United Methodist Church. Officers elected were Freda Holshouser, President; Edith Boger, Vice-President; Floyd Williams, Treasurer; Hazel Shores, Chaplain. Charter members also included Mr. And Mrs. Henry Lassiter, Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brown, Mr. And Mrs. Zeb Harry, Clare Dawson, Polly Holshouser, Odell Sapp, and Dr. Tom Thurston.
- Freda Holshouser elected Secretary of new state organization.

### 1955

- Because their children were excluded from public schools, the new organization organized the Children's Development Center and began to operate a private school with Mrs. Don Carter and Mrs. Gerney Holshouser as teachers. Eight children were enrolled in a class that rotated between First Methodist Church, St John's Lutheran Church, and First Presbyterian Church. Families paid tuition of \$15 per month. Salisbury Rotary Club made the first financial contribution. Rowan Civitan Club sponsored a football game between Catawba College and East Carolina, with proceeds to the private school. Salisbury Altrusa Club also made contributions.

### 1956

- United Fund provided partial funds for the new classroom. Playground activities were provided twice weekly by the City Recreation Center.

### 1957

- Children's Development Center legally incorporated with assistance from attorney Odell Sapp. Floyd Williams was listed as President; his telephone was listed as #3252.
- Dance and rhythm classes were taught by Jean Phillips Duncan.
- The new class was included in the public school system after state legislation provided funding for special education classrooms. Classrooms moved from the churches to City Recreation Department with Cleo Porter as teacher. Monthly tuition for families reduced to \$10 per month.

### 1958

- Name changed to *Rowan County Association for Retarded Children*.
- Swim program begun at Eamon Park.

### 1959

- Rowan Civitan Club began annual two-week summer day camp at Kiwanis Health Camp with 17 children enrolled and Bill Bost as camp director. A special Sunday School class began at First Methodist Church.

### 1961

- Conducted a survey to document need for a pre-school program.

- Goals for the year: 1) Pre-school class 2) Training, recreation, and hobby programs for adolescents 3) Year round planned recreational activities for all ages 4) Facilities to be enjoyed by all boys and girls.
- Classrooms moved to Wiley School with teachers Cleo Porter and Doris Wilson, financially supported by state, county, and city funds. Families no longer had to pay tuition.
- ARC/NC recognized Rowan Civitan Club for sponsoring summer day camp.
- ARC/NC recognized Freda Holshouser for outstanding service.

#### **1962**

- Floyd McSwain recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.

#### **1963**

- Sent Christmas gifts to O'Berry, Murdock, and Kinston hospitals.
- Tuesday Social Luncheon Club at Salisbury-Rowan YMCA organized a "Trainable Club."
- Twenty-two children enrolled in summer day camp, so-sponsored by Rowan Civitan Club and Salisbury City Recreation Dept.
- George Burke elected to ARC/NC board of directors.
- Civitans launched a state-wide fund drive to begin a research facility at Duke University Medical Center. Rowan ARC contributed \$3,500.
- State-wide advocacy efforts resulted in Governor Terry Sanford establishing NC Council on Mental Retardation.
- Sue Musselman recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.

#### **1964**

- ARC members George Burke, Clare Dawson, Margaret Harry, and Art Edwards, made a request to the school board that the vacated Frank B. John School be used for a sheltered workshop. Arrangements made to use Ellis School instead.
- George Burke, President, requested inclusion of ARC in the United Fund, but was denied. Rev. O'Kelly Whitaker, St Lukes Episcopal Church, wrote letter to the editor of The Salisbury Post denouncing the decision.
- Western Carolina Center opened in Morganton.

#### **1965**

- Appointed committee to develop sheltered workshop.
- Mrs. Margaret Harry chaired a committee to study needs of citizens with mental retardation and to form local Mental Retardation Council under the NC Council on Mental Retardation.
- State legislature appropriated funds for first Adult Developmental Activity Program services.

#### **1966**

- Sponsored individuals to summer camps at Lutheridge, Camp Easter, and Camp Saurakee.
- Rowan County School board leased Ellis School to Rowan Co. Vocational Workshop.
- Jaycees sponsored Special Olympics.

#### **1967**

- Rowan Vocational Workshop began operation in the vacated Ellis Crossroads Elementary School with 29 clients and a staff of five. Rowan Jaycee Council purchased the building for \$2,000 and presented it to the Workshop. Rowan ARC helped fund the purchase of materials and equipment.
- Two mothers, Marian Morton and Betty Shaver, began a pre-school program at the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council with the help of VISTA volunteers.

- Conducted survey of community needs through ministers, physicians, agencies, and organizations.
- Recreation services, including old-fashioned barn dance, arranged by George Burke.
- Educators Sarah Hall and Elizabeth Koontz arranged workshop for special education teachers.
- Boy Scout troop organized with Fred Fisher as Scout Leader.
- State legislature appropriated funds for first developmental day services.
- Ethel Hammett recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.

### **1968**

- Began operation of Rowan Pre-school for the Retarded housed at St. John's Lutheran Church, serving children 3—8 years of age. United Way approved full request for funding.
- Recognized Karen Young and Pat McGuire with Outstanding Service Awards.
- Frank Shaver recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.
- ARC/NC hired first Executive Director, Carey Fendley.

### **1969**

- Hosted meeting with Western Carolina Center officials regarding services available to Rowan County. Discussion included opening of group homes.
- Youth ARC organized with Mary Penley as Youth Advisor.
- Verna Bragg named director of Pre-School Program, with Rachel Dickert assistant.
- State legislator approved funding for 516 new special education teachers and funding to double the number of Vocational Rehabilitation counselors.
- Legislation passed to maintain handicapped family member on family hospitalization policy beyond age 18.
- Special Olympics began in North Carolina.

### **1971**

- Hired Marian Morton as first Executive Director.
- Co-sponsored conference on "The Church and The Retarded" with NC Council on Mental Retardation and Salisbury-Rowan Ministerial Association.
- Conducted county-wide survey to determine need for day care and group homes.
- Sponsored scholarships to Lutheridge summer camp.
- Co-sponsored Career Day on Developmental Disabilities at Catawba College with NC Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.
- Sponsored dinner for area legislators to discuss issues.
- Haven Lutheran Church sponsored Vacation Bible School and organized a Sunday School class.
- Rowan Vocational Workshop moved to vacated Lincoln Elementary School on South Shaver Street.
- State legislation passed to extend public instruction to children under six years old who have mental retardation.
- Fred Fisher recognized by NC/ARC for outstanding service.

### **1972**

- Co-sponsored Behavior Management workshop at Rowan Technical Institute with NC Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- Co-sponsored Boy Scout troop with Salisbury Jaycees. Scoutmaster was John Sullivan.
- Submitted federal grant request for funds to serve children with severe and profound disabilities.

- ARC/NC filed suit against state of NC to obtain education for all children, regardless of handicaps.

### 1973

- Contributed \$1 per member to fund the ARC/NC law suit in support of the right to education.
- Administration of pre-school program transferred to Tri-County Mental Health and classes moved to new mental health building on Mahaley Avenue.
- Filed Articles of Incorporation to become eligible to receive federal grant funds.
- Began Special Enrichment Center at Milford Hills Methodist Church for children with severe/profound disabilities with Betty Shaver as Director.
- Purchased supplemental materials for city and county special education classrooms.
- Co-sponsored a weekly Friday morning recreation program with City Recreation Dept.
- State legislation passed to include people with mental retardation on accident and health family group policies at standard rates.

### 1974

- Received award from NC Dept of Human Resources for outstanding achievement.
- Sent Christmas to residents of Western Carolina Center.
- Contributed money towards supplemental materials for 24 special education classrooms in city/county.
- Helped organize first PTA at Duncan School.
- Changed name to *Rowan County Association for Retarded Citizens*.
- Special education classes moved from Wiley School to Duncan School.
- Fred Fisher elected to NC/ARC board of directors.
- Fred Fisher recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.
- Catherine Hall recognized by Salisbury Civitan Club for Excellence in Teaching.
- U. S. Postage stamp issued honoring National Association for Retarded Citizens and 1500 local units.

### 1975

- Administration of Special Enrichment Center transferred from ARC to Tri-County Mental Health.
- 4,000 bulletin inserts distributed to 21 churches for first Mental Retardation Sabbath-Sunday and four billboards in Rowan County proclaimed the day.
- Organized board of directors to establish and operate first group home in Rowan County. Gary Rhodes served as first President.
- Received grant to renovate Woodson Home at Fulton and Innes Streets.
- Received grant to purchase van to transport county children to special education classes in the city. (County had no special education classes.)
- Sponsored annual dinner and discussions with legislators.
- Advocacy efforts for placement of group homes in residential communities.
- Salisbury Civitan Club sponsored 1st Annual Golf Tournament with proceeds to groups serving persons with developmental disabilities.
- Coburn Methodist Church organized first girl scout troop.
- Jaycees sponsored Bike-a Thon to raise money for programs.
- S. E. Duncan School had three Trainable Mentally Handicapped classrooms (TMH) and two Educable Mentally Handicapped (EMH) classrooms.
- State legislation amended to provide limited guardianship.
- State legislation passed that schools must provide education for all children, regardless of handicaps.

## **1976**

- At ARC request, Developmental Disability Training Institute (DDTI) sponsored a forum in Southern Pines to deal with ARC objections to a Jaycee proposal to establish a Mental Retardation Center in the vacated Kiser School. The first Rowan County Interagency Council was organized to follow up, with the Rev. Ed Long as Chairman.
- Sponsored Open House at first group home, Woodson Home.
- Developed plans and purchased materials for Resource Library.
- Began first van route to bring 12 county children to public school. Eight of the students had never attended school; four others had been transported by their families.
- YMCA began swim program for students in public school special education classrooms that provided the basis for Special Olympics swim competitions.
- Federal legislation passed authorizing right for all children to receive an appropriate education. (PL 94-142, Education for All Handicapped Children Act.)

## **1977**

- “Mainstreaming in the Classrooms” topic of ARC monthly meeting.
- Future Planning Council organized to assist families plan for the time when they would not be able to provide care.
- 10,000 bulletin inserts distributed to 45 churches for MR Sabbath-Sunday.
- Employed Scheryl Adams to plan social/recreational activities and coordinate Respite Services.
- Operated three vans daily to bring county students to S. E. Duncan School.
- Made formal request to Tri-County Area Mental Health board for respite services.
- Interagency approved new adult day activity program to serve 12 adults with severe handicaps in the vacated Shuford School at Granite Quarry, administered by Rowan County Vocational Workshop.
- Rowan County Schools agreed to comply with new state requirement “any handicapped child may attend public schools.”
- New boy scout troop organized at Spencer Baptist Church with John McKinney as Scoutmaster.
- Cleo Porter recognized by Salisbury Civitan Club for Excellence in Teaching.
- Ann Medlin recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.

## **1978**

- United Way funded full agency request of \$21,622.
- Began providing Respite Care services.
- Respite Weekends, held quarterly, directed by Jim Murtaugh and Doug Glasgow.
- Printed and distributed 3500 copies of Directory of Services.
- 15,000 bulletin inserts distributed on MR Sabbath/Sunday. Slide presentation to church groups.
- Collection of Perske prints purchased, framed, and displayed at main offices of local banks.
- Pat West hired as part-time Recreation Director
- Betty Wilhelm hired as part-time Respite Coordinator.
- Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Night and displayed Resource Library.
- Formal request made to Salisbury City Schools to hire additional special education teachers.
- Recognized Betty Thompson for outstanding service.
- Gary Rhodes recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.
- Administration of Special Enrichment Center transferred from Tri-County Mental Health to Rowan County Schools and program relocated from Milford Hills United Methodist Church to North Rowan Middle School (now Dunbar School). Parents no longer required to pay tuition for their school-aged children.

- ARC/NC lawsuit against the state settled and established Education Advocacy and Compensatory Education Act.
- ARC/NC Housing Development established.
- ARC/NC received HUD grant to construct 42 group homes and approved construction of three HUD group homes in Rowan County. Rowan ARC paid percentage of property costs.

### **1979**

- Sponsored Discovery Series which provided art and creative activities for adults in six-week sessions throughout the year.
- Obtained responsibility for local games from NC Special Olympics, Jim Murtaugh Coordinator.
- Issued position statement objecting to school board proposal to isolate TMH classrooms in a single school.
- Parent Pilot Network established and volunteers trained to counsel parents of young children.
- Endorsed state funded Infant Tracking Program, tied to Parent Pilot Network.
- Contributed \$4,000 toward purchase of vans with wheelchair lifts.
- County Commissioners approved ARC request to establish recreation program for people with disabilities (Special Populations).
- Provided camp scholarships for 32 children and adults.
- ARC/NC began On-the-job Training (OJT) project.
- Fourth TMH classroom begun at S. E. Duncan School. Two Trainable Mentally Handicapped classrooms moved to Overton School; two moved to Wiley School.
- China Grove Zoning Board approved zoning for proposed group home in residential neighborhood. Neighbors protested and appealed. Zoning Board of Adjustment upheld decision. Salisbury Post Headline 9/26/79: "Rhodes Meets China Grove Group Home Foes Head On."
- Held panel discussion with Salisbury-Rowan Ministerial Association to discuss housing and other issues.
- Gary Rhodes and Paul Bernhardt spoke on behalf of ARC at "emotional and controversial" public hearings before Salisbury Planning Board.
- Margaret Harry recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.
- State legislators appropriated \$44 million to implement Creech bill for exceptional children.
- For the first time in history, North Carolina allocated more dollars toward community services than for institutions.

### **1980**

- Family care group home established in China Grove. Julie Stanaland hired as first Administrator of Rowan Homes, Inc.
- Jim Murtaugh coordinated Special Olympics in Rowan County.
- Salisbury Zoning Board denied construction of family care home Mitchell Ave/Stanley Street.
- Superior Court Judge allowed the ARC to intervene in zoning dispute.
- Recognized Naomi Bernhardt and Gary Rhodes for outstanding service.
- Gary Rhodes received distinguished service award from N.C. Community Living Association.

### **1981**

- Began After-school and Summer Day programs.
- Sponsored Open House at new family care home in China Grove.
- Special Olympics reorganized under interagency committee—Jim Murtaugh, Coordinator with Danny Cooper of Rowan County Schools and Linda Rusher with YMCA.

- Mental Retardation Sabbath-Sunday celebrated among 75 churches, distributed 15,000 bulletin inserts.
- Recognized Verna Bragg, Jim Murtaugh, and Harold B. Jarrett Post 342 for outstanding service.
- Rowan Sheltered Workshop received first accreditation by Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).
- Judge Hal Walker ruled in favor of construction of family care home on Stanley Street.
- Rowan County Schools assumed responsibility for transportation of students with disabilities to public schools.
- State legislation passed that made it illegal to prohibit group homes in residential neighborhoods.

### **1982**

- Patricia Cowan hired as Respite Care Coordinator.
- Family care group home established on Stanley Street.
- Sponsored annual dinner for legislators to discuss issues.
- Recognized Lois Simone and Bernard Penley for outstanding service.
- Cannon Mills 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner as Employer of the Year by National ARC.
- Jim Murtaugh recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.
- Verna Bragg recognized by Kiwanis Club for outstanding service.
- Jim Murtaugh recognized by NC Special Olympics as Coordinator of the Year.

### **1983**

- 3 TMH classrooms moved from Wiley to Knox Junior High School.
- Kids on the Block puppets ordered, funded with memorial funds.
- Three students attended International Special Olympics with Jim Murtaugh as coach.
- Recognized Rachel Dickert, Voncile Jordan, and Ann Medlin for outstanding service.
- Paul Bernhardt recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.
- JoAnn Lundy recognized by NC Special Olympics as Athlete of the Year.
- Sam Moore recognized by NC Special Olympics as Coach of the Year.
- Proctor Foundation recognized by NC Special Olympics for outstanding service.

### **1984**

- Dr Karl Hales, Catawba College, held first training session for Kids on the Block volunteer puppeteers.
- Employed Karen DeGraaf as Director of Respite and Day Care Services.
- Becky Lowder and Ann Benfield co-chaired Special Olympics. Efforts continued to find funds to pay Coordinator's time.
- Recognized Carol and Roy Valencourt for outstanding service.
- Recognized Salisbury Civitan Club and Betty Carter for outstanding service.
- Kim Drye recognized as Teacher of the Year by Spencer Jaycees.

### **1985**

- Received 3 year funding grant for Family Support Services from NC Council on Developmental Disabilities. Judy Coble employed as director.
- Adult Compensatory Education (ACE) class begun at St Johns Lutheran Church with 11 individuals enrolled. Instructors: Henrietta Henderlite, Cindy Clemmer, and Francine Washington.
- Hired Karen DeGraaf as Director of Respite and Day Care Programs.

- Kids on the Block puppeteers gave first performance and attended a national training session in Washington, D.C.
- Co-sponsored regional conference on "Employment Options for Persons with Mental Retardation" with Developmental Disabilities Training Institute.
- Signed contract with City of Salisbury for van maintenance.
- Objected to a proposal that Special Populations program be placed under Office of Aging instead of Parks and Recreation.
- Began schedule of monthly dances for adults (Shakers Dance), co-sponsored with Rowan County Special Populations and Salisbury City Recreation Dept.
- Renita Ritchie named Director of Special Populations.
- Recognized Betty Cox as Teacher of the Year.
- Recognized Pam Beaver and Milford Hills United Methodist Church for outstanding service.
- Salisbury Civitan Club sponsored 10<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament.
- United Arts Council sponsored "Encounters of a Special Kind."
- Becky Lowder and Ann Benfield co-chaired Special Olympics.
- Shirley Rhinehart elected to ARC/NC board of directors.
- ARC/NC organized corporate guardianship program and began providing services, later named LIFEguardianship.
- ARC/NC focused on transition from school to work.

#### **1986**

- Representation on Mayor's Council on Persons with Disabilities.
- Nine children enrolled in after-school program at Milford Hills United Methodist Church.
- Co-sponsored, with Catawba College, a workshop on "Learning in Motion" for Head Start and public school early childhood teachers. Taught by Dr. Shirley Ritchie and Elizabeth Carlton.
- Recognized Edith Alcorn, Mark Perry for outstanding service.
- Recognized Norma Goldman for Teacher of Year; she also won same award from ARC/NC.
- James Wagner recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.

#### **1987**

- Screened applicants via Interagency Council for admission to the first ICF-MR group home in Rowan County under Pro-Com (now RHA Health Services)
- Belks of Salisbury sponsored first fashion show at Annual Meeting.
- Fourth TMH classroom added at Knox Junior High School.
- Davey Rhodes participated in International Special Olympics.

#### **1988**

- ARC/NC sponsored first Self-Advocacy conference.
- ARC/NC set Family Support as a priority.

#### **1989**

- Recognized James Wagner for outstanding service.

#### **1990**

- Contributed \$3,500 toward renovations of educational building at Milford Hills Methodist Church (location of After-School Program.)
- Two TMH classrooms moved from Knox Junior High to Salisbury High School.
- Kids on the Block gave 28 performances.



- Dr. Ann Griffey recognized as Teacher of the Year; she also received same award from ARC/NC.
- Recognized Rockwell Amvets and Sacred Heart Youth Group for outstanding service.
- Dr. Pat Whitley recognized by Rowan Civitan Club for outstanding service.
- Americans with Disabilities Act signed by President George Bush.

#### **1991**

- After School Program discontinued.
- Recognized Lois Simone, David Hord, Mary and Bernard Penley, Hazel Shores, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church for outstanding service.
- Recognized Lea Silverburg as Teacher of the Year.
- ARC/NC received expansion funds for HUD Group Home Early Intervention.

#### **1992**

- Respite Care services discontinued.
- Received grant from Cannon Foundation to continue Family Support Program. Employed Liz Marino as Support Services Coordinator.
- Recognized Louis "Skip" Kraft, Phyllis Richardson, Cynthia Brown, and YMCA for outstanding service.

#### **1993**

- Recognized Karen DeGraaf as Teacher of the Year.
- Recognized Ruth Robinson, Francine Washington, and Coldwell Banker-Goodman for outstanding service.

#### **1994**

- Name changed to *The Arc of Rowan County* in an effort to be more inclusive of all disabilities.
- Recognized Aggie Harrington, Mary Lentz, Juanita Olsen, and Tom Abramowski for outstanding service.
- Recognized Becky Peeler as Teacher of the Year.
- State advocacy efforts resulted in Dept. of Public Instruction establishment of Inclusion Task Force to expand inclusive education efforts.

#### **1995**

- Mike Remus, National ARC President, guest speaker at Annual Meeting.

#### **1996**

- Hills Bassmaster Club sponsored 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fishing Tournament.
- Respite Saturdays provided thanks to Venture grant from United Way.
- New TMH class added at South Rowan High School.
- Recognized Mark Perry, Verna Bragg, Salisbury Civitan Club, Salisbury Elks Lodge, Jackie Black, and Gena McIntyre for outstanding service.
- Recognized J'tan Whisenant as Teacher of the Year.

#### **1997**

- Recognized Salisbury Civitans, Elks Lodge, Jay Foster, and Ann Medlin for outstanding service.
- Recognized Shari Bivens as Teacher of the Year.
- ARC/NC developed Tri-Alliance, first organized self-determination project in N.C.
- Federal legislation amended - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

## **1998**

- Recognized Olin and Ruth Robinson and Hill's Bassmasters for outstanding service.
- ARC/NC led Waiting List Campaign to identify, advocate for people waiting for services.
- ARC/NC published a compilation of state Compliance Monitoring Reports, revealing serious non-compliance with IDEA.

## **1999**

- Rowan Vocational Workshop moved into newly renovated and expanded building on Old Concord Road with appreciation to Ralph and Anne Ketner for their one million dollar contribution.
- Recognized Paula Haynes as Teacher of the Year.
- Recognized Knights of Columbus, Hills Bassmasters, Hispanic Unioda, Ann Medlin for outstanding service.

## **2000**

- Recognized Rowan Civitans, Women of the Moose, and Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post for outstanding service.
- Recognized Cassandra Beaver as Teacher of the Year.

## **2001**

- ACE class transferred from Arc/Rowan to Rowan Vocational Opportunities.
- State legislation passed for sweeping reform to MH/DD/SA system.
- Governor Easley signed bill: No Death Penalty for People with Mental Retardation.
- Dreamcatchers Civitan Club organized.
- Recognized Pam Morris as Educator of the Year.
- Recognized Knights of Columbus and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at Sacred Heart for outstanding service.

## **2002**

- Held Classic Chili Cook-Off Competition for political office candidates in four counties.
- Resource Library moved under auspices of Catawba College Library.
- Began Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness program.
- Began The Arc/Rowan Alternative Program.
- Began The Arc/Rowan Choral Group under direction of Rebecca Stinson.
- Recognized Dee Elliott as Educator of the Year.
- Recognized Mark Perry, Peggy Hoffman, Hazel Shores Rowan County Special Populations, Food Lion for outstanding service.
- ARC/NC launched Neighborhood Networks to bring computer and internet skills to people with developmental disabilities.

## **2003**

- Recognized Paul Bernhardt for outstanding service.
- Recognized Cory,
- Current Membership as of December 31, 2003: ????

## **Past Presidents**

Freda Holshouser*	1954
Floyd Williams	1955
Freda Holshouser	1959
Margaret Washington	1961
George Burke	1962
Fred Fisher	1965
Karen Young	1967
Pat McGuire	1968
Marian Morton	1970
Sarah Hall*	1970
Cleo Porter	1972
John Nash	1974
Edith Alcorn	1975
Gary Rhodes	1978
Dr. Lounell Mullis	1980
Dellayne Samuel	1982
Mark Perry	1983
Lynn Miller	1984
Henrietta Henderlite	1986
Jay Boulter	1988
Jean Wurster	1989
Karen DeGraaf	1991
Gene Konik	1992
Jean Wurster	1994
J'tan Whisenant	1995
Judy Coble	1997
Debbie Martin	1998
Mark Perry	1999
Ann Medlin	2001

\* Deceased

## **Executive Directors**

Marian Morton	1971-1972
Betty Shaver	1973-1973
Ann Medlin	1974-1982
Suzanne Loeb	1982-1983
Ann Medlin	1983-1987
Karen Campbell	1987-1989
Judy Coble	1989-1990
Kathaleen Mathews	1991 -2000
Jane Jackman	2000-Current

## Community Support Through the Years

Park Avenue United Methodist Church  
Salisbury Rotary Club  
Rowan Civitan Club  
Salisbury Recreation Dept.  
Salisbury Jaycees  
First Methodist Church  
St. Johns Lutheran Church  
First Presbyterian Church  
Salisbury Altrusa Club  
Kiwanis Club and Kiwanis Health Camp  
United Commercial Travelers  
Salisbury Clown Club  
Salisbury YMCA  
United Fund  
Newcomers Club  
Salisbury Post  
Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry  
Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council  
American Legion Auxiliary  
First United Church of Christ  
Methodist Youth  
Faith Civitan Club  
Rowan County Home Demonstration Clubs  
WSTP  
WSAT  
VA Hospital  
Salisbury Business College  
Rockwell Amvets  
American Association of University Women  
Rockwell Home Demonstration Club  
Junior Civitans, East Rowan High School  
Salisbury High School Octagon Club  
Salisbury Jaycettes  
Rowan County Public Health Nurses  
Speech & Hearing Clinic, Catawba College  
Pan-Hellenic Council of Livingston College  
Salisbury Junior Women's Club  
Salisbury Civitan Club  
Newcomer's Club  
Milford Hills United Methodist Church  
Physical Education Dept., Catawba College  
Woodleaf Bowling Lanes  
Salisbury High School Keyettes  
Pilot Club of Salisbury  
Pythian Sisters Temple #2  
Coburn United Methodist Church  
Knights of Columbus  
Spunky Spinners Square Dance Club  
Haven Lutheran Church  
Harold B Jarrett American Legion Post  
Salisbury Junior Women's Club  
Youth Pilot Club of South Rowan High School  
Xi Alpha Delta  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Spencer First Baptist Church  
Ellis Park Canteen  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Zeta Amicae Sorority of Salisbury  
Optimist Club

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