



### New to the Barn Blast... An Online Auction!

Barn Blast tickets are still available

The Anson County Partnership for Children has hosted the Barn Blast, Anson County's most anticipated fundraiser for 13 years. This year the Partnership is excited to add a pre-event online auction to the Barn Blast festivities! You can support the Partnership by bidding and winning items online before the doors even open.

"Anson County has been so supportive of the Partnership by donating so many items that we want to open the event up to everyone, not just those lucky enough to get tickets. This year everyone can bid on these specially selected Barn Blast items!" said Caroline Goins, Executive Director.

"Now everyone can join the excitement of the Barn Blast!" To view and bid on items, visit [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org) and click on the Barn Blast tab. To preview select auction items visit our presenting sponsors: Poisson, Poisson and Bower, with locations at 200 and 202 West Wade Street in Wadesboro and Uwharrie Bank, located at 211 South Greene Street in Wadesboro.

Online auction items include a Cam Newton rookie Reebok jersey, an in-home wine party for 12 with a consultant, NASCAR Hall of Fame tickets, a European skull mount certificate, original art, and much more!

The Online Barn Blast Auction opens Thursday, January 17 at 8 a.m. and closes on Thursday, January 24 at 6 p.m. Auction items will be available for pick up Tuesday, January 29 through Friday, February 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Anson County Partnership for Children, located at 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. Payment will be accepted upon pick up via cash, check or credit card. On February 2 any unclaimed items will be charged to the credit card on file and ownership will be released back to the Anson County Partnership for Children.



All proceeds will benefit the Partnership's early childhood educational programming. These proceeds include but are not limited to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which mails a book each month to over 1,000 children in Anson County. This auction is in addition to the silent and live auctions at the Barn Blast event.

The Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit organization formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information contact the Partnership at 704-694-4036 or visit the Partnership's website at [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).

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### Arts Council Puts the Spotlight On Phyllis Dunlap



This is a release from the Anson County Arts Council: Nothing at the Anson County Arts Council or the Ansonia Theatre is accomplished without the help of our volunteers. More often than not these volunteers work behind the scenes with little recognition but are vital to our success.

We'd like to give a shout out to one of our most valuable volunteers, Phyllis Dunlap. Phyllis has served as an Arts Council board member and as board president, and continues to play an important role in making things happen. She helps train our docents in the Arts Council and maintains our docent calendar. Phyllis is also responsible for securing volunteers to help at our community plays. These volunteers serve as greeters, help with the box office, and serve wine during intermissions. Those of you who are familiar with our Bach's Lunches every summer can thank Phyllis for the amazing talent she brings as entertainment for those lunches.

Phyllis is retired from Anson County Public Schools where she taught high school math as well as math classes for SPCC. As a retiree Phyllis wears many hats, just one of which is the one she wears to the Red Hat Club. She also makes time for the very active and Red Hillville Historical Society. She is also a member at the Anson Baptist Church where she plays the piano and works with the handbell choir. An accomplished pianist herself, Phyllis teaches piano to many young people in the community. She is a master gardener and is active in the Wadesboro Garden Club. She uses that gardening talent by helping with the pots on South Rutherford Street in front of the Arts Council and the Ansonia.

We love you, Phyllis! Thank you for all you do!! The spotlight is on YOU!

### Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They distribute coats to those in need as well as to schools in Anson County.

Blankets for the elderly are also available. Gumbys on Highway 74 in Lilesville is a drop off site for donations, or a pick up point for those who need a coat. Just call to schedule it.

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