

OUR IMPACT



We have partnered with families to instill a love of learning. We've entered schools to support children as they venture on their path to school success. We supported our local childcare heroes as they opened their homes to care for children in the community. Through the gift of books, we have opened many eyes to new worlds and experiences. We are passionate about children. We see their potential and want to see them thrive.

OUR MISSION



Miss Ruby's Kids provides our community with early literacy education and mentoring using evidence-based practices, curriculum and parental coaching to ensure all Miss Ruby's Kids enter school with an equal start.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer:

Looking for ways to give back to the community? Check out our website for volunteer opportunities.

Donate:

Become a MRK Hero by giving monthly or give a one time gift at www.missrubyskids.net



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CONSIDER GIVING A LEGACY GIFT.
LEGACY GIFTS ARE THE ANSWER TO:
"HOW CAN I HELP TOMORROW" AND
"HOW WOULD I LIKE TO BE
REMEMBERED?"



HAVE A 2 TO 3 YEAR-OLD?
SIGN UP FOR OUR FREE HOME
VISITATION PROGRAM OR GET ON THE
WAITING LIST NOW!



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Every Child Deserves An Equal Start



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COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT NOT ONLY
EARLY LITERACY AND SCHOOL READINESS,
BUT EARLY OPPORTUNITIES.



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Ruby Middleton Forsythe (1905-1992)

OUR CORE PROGRAMS

PARENTCHILD+

Early Learning Specialists (ELs), who share a community connection with families, meet one-on-one with parents and their 24-48 month-old children twice a week. ELs support parents in preparing their children for academic success, while strengthening families and communities through intensive, consistent long-term home visiting.

HOME-BASED CHILD CARE

Our Home-Based Child Care Provider Model works with a diverse array of caregivers from Family, Friend and Neighbor to group Family Child Care. Support is extended to all the key adults caring for children before they enter school. Our Early Learning Specialists work with providers, supporting them and the families they care for in building school readiness skills.

EDUCATION MENTOR PROGRAM

MRK ParentChild+ Graduates are assigned a volunteer mentor once they enter school. Mentors provide additional support to children while they attend school in the Georgetown County School District.

LITTLE RUBY'S LIBRARIES

Children of all ages need access to books! Miss Ruby's Kids supports community libraries located throughout various parts of Georgetown County.

OUR STORY



Miss Ruby's Kids is named for Ruby Middleton Forsythe (1905-1992), an African-American educator from Charleston, South Carolina. In 1937, she began teaching with her husband in a one-room schoolhouse in the Pawleys Island community. "Miss Ruby," as she was affectionately known by her students, played an active role in the school until shortly before her death. Ruby Middleton Forsythe died in 1992, but her dream of equal educational opportunities for all children continues through this program.

Focused on improving school readiness with an end goal of high school graduation, sisters Betsy Marlow and Jo Fortuna started Miss Ruby's Kids in 2003. Miss Ruby's Kids uses education to break the cycle of poverty for in-need families. We engage early in life and help toddlers and their parents access a path to possibility. Through our programming we provide not only early literacy and school readiness support, but most importantly early opportunity.

COMMUNITY FOCUSED



GET FREE BOOKS
MAILED TO YOUR
HOME MONTHLY!



Miss Ruby's Kids serves as the Local Program Partner for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The Imagination Library provides a hand-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality book each month to registered children from birth to age five.

Did You Know?

**80% of brain growth
takes place by age 3!**



**MRK PARTNERS WITH
TRIPLE P- POSITIVE
PARENTING PROGRAM**

Triple P is designed to be with parents on every step of their journey, providing help and guidance to families when they need it. It aims to create supportive family environments, and to prevent, as well as treat, behavioural and emotional problems in children and teenagers.