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**CORPORATE CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN BREAKFAST WELCOMES FORMER PANTHERS  
STAR MIKE MINTER**

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**JOHNSTON COUNTY, N.C. – February 6, 2009** - The Partnership for Children of Johnston County (PFCJC) announces its Annual Corporate Champions for Children Breakfast sponsored by KS Bank. This event will be held on Thursday April 23, 2009 and will feature celebrity speaker, former Carolina Panthers All-Pro safety, Mike Minter.

Minter is known for much more than his outstanding stats on the football field. His business and philanthropic endeavors are numerous and he actively gives back to North Carolina, donating his time and money to reputable organizations with causes in which he believes. Quality early childhood education is of particular interest to Minter. He and a few former team-mates have developed two franchised child care centers called Ruckus House Learning Center and have plans for four more in the western part of the state.

The Corporate Champions for Children Breakfast honors businesses, community leaders, and individuals who make a difference in the lives of young children. Community members are encouraged to submit nominations for individuals and businesses you feel make a difference for young children in Johnston County. One business and one individual will be chosen from the nominees to be recognized as 2009 Corporate Champions for Children. This year, the Partnership Board of Directors will also choose a Champion for Children who has shown exemplary dedication in furthering its mission.

The event is being hosted by the Johnston Community College Early Childhood Department. The event is free and open to the public, however reservations are required. Breakfast will begin at 7:15a.m. in the Great Hall with the main program taking place in the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium at 8a.m.

The deadline for nominations and required reservations is April 2, 2009. For more information and to make reservations call 202-0002 or visit [www.pfcjc.org](http://www.pfcjc.org).

PFCJC is a non-profit organization that manages state Smart Start and More at Four funds, along with private donations to provide programs and services for families and young children. Since its inception in 1997 the organization has worked alongside the community to improve the health, education and emotional well-being of Johnston County children.

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