





Beautiful Baby Contest raises more than \$14,000 for partnership
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LUMBERTON — As far as the staff of the Robeson County Partnership for Children is concerned, all of the 95 contestants in this year’s Most Beautiful Baby contest are beautiful.

“We were overwhelmed with the stories we heard about each child,” said Amy Cox, the partnership’s program manager. “We couldn’t help but be touched. Every parent had a special, unique story about their child.”

Winners were selected by \$1 votes cast by the public between May 11 and June 11. Contestants could also be viewed on The Robesonian Web site.

More than 14,200 votes were cast, easily exceeding the 5,485 votes cast in last year’s contest.

“We had just hoped to break the \$5,000 made last year,” Cox said. “We exceeded that and made \$14,206. We had a lot of support. We can’t ask for more than that from the community.”

Cox said that proceeds from the contest will be used to further services and programs already provided by the partnership.

This year, there are two top winners, a prince and princess. The prince is Carson Stephenson and the princess is Andrea Cordoba-Solis. Each will receive \$100, a parade magnet, and a crown or tiara.

Other winners are: Marlina Bullard, second place, \$75 and a trophy; Kaydon Locklear, third place, \$50 and a trophy; India Vazquez, fourth place, \$25 and a trophy; Bryton Deese, fifth place, \$25 and a trophy; and Tandon Haywood, sixth place, \$25 and a trophy.

A calendar featuring the top 12 babies, with the prince and princess on the cover, will be available in November and sold for \$10. Also, photos of all 95 contestants will be on the back of the calendar.

In addition to the seven contestants receiving the most votes, other babies featured in the calendar are: Emanuel Scott, Heaven Sosa, Kabrina Oxendine, Khloé Locklear, and Kiera Oxendine.

Cox said that the layout and printing of the calendar is being done by Bob Highet of The Graphics Place in Lumberton. Photos of the featured babies will be taken by Venessa German of Venessa G. Photography of Dublin.