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The tagline of Imprints Cares is an appropriate reference to the work of an organization that starts with the smallest citizens and transcends to the city's population. And at the Sept. 27 open house, Imprints Cares staff members and supporters gathered to celebrate a renovated facility and enhanced programs, as well as the importance of the organization's ongoing legacy.

"This is a continuation of our Night of Hope," said **Nikki Byers**, executive director.

"We are recognizing our supporters with 'The Wall,' and we're showing everyone our renovations that came about from the Lowe's Local Hero Project, sponsored by Lowe's South Winston-Salem location. These renovations allow us to offer after-school care to both special needs and typical children, and we are very grateful to all of our supporters."

The Imprints Cares legacy, both current and future, is referenced by the organization's philosophy. It states that "by nurturing children and supporting parents, we have the ability to change our community for the better. If we're successful, we'll build thriving generations of families who are doing their best —not only for themselves, but also for their neighbors, including you."

Julie Lanford brought her daughter, **KyLee**, 5, to the open house. KyLee is part of the Imprints Cares after-school program at Speas Elementary. **Ryan and Mary Newcomb**, friends of Imprints staff, brought their son, **Elijah**, 2, who enjoyed talking about his favorite Dr. Seuss titles.

Trina Stephens and **Charlette Lindell** enjoyed conversation and refreshments, as did Imprints' **Melissa Payton**, who introduced guests to the Lowe's team members — **Courtney Pack** and **Eddie Sneed** — that facilitated the renovation.

"Every year, we look at possible projects in the community with local organizations," Pack said. "Just to be able to get involved with Imprints Cares and help special needs and at-risk kids is a great opportunity."

"This was a very complex project," Payton said. "Everyone we've worked with from Lowe's has just been excellent. And **Beth Spieler** from The Porch did the wonderful tree mural for us and provided food for tonight's event, and Augsburg Community Center is a wonderful friend to Imprints. We are very thankful to everyone who helps us fulfill our mission."



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