



Extra! Spring 2015 UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Janice Carter

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
As we reflect on the important work of the many early childhood educators in our state, we so appreciate the difference you make in the lives of children and families. We recognize that the road is often difficult. We want you to know that you have fellow travelers who walk the path alongside you and support you in your journey.

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54th AECA Annual Conference Registration



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Spend your end of year budget funds at the AECA Conference! Registration is now open!

Teresa Little 2015 AECA Logo Contest Winner



Congratulations to Teresa Little, the "Who that Drew," for submitting the winning entry for the AECA Conference logo contest. Her drawing captured the

essence the conference message, "If not You, then Who?" The logo will be printed on the conference T-shirts, so plan to buy one at the conference.

In addition to being an artist, Teresa is the Early Childhood Services Director at Faulkner County Day School in Conway, a program that has been serving families with developmentally disabled children and adults since 1961. We honor Teresa for her work with children and families and for her skills as an artist.

Thank you, Teresa!



AECA 2015 Community Service Project



Elizabeth Scudder
AECA Pres. Elect

The service project that I have chosen for the 2015 AECA conference, themed, "If not You, then WHO?" brings up an issue that is very near and dear to my heart. Childhood hunger in Arkansas is getting worse by the day, but to the children living in a food deprived environment it is getting worse by the meal. Mealtime comes and goes for many children and their physical need for food is not fulfilled. Maslow tells us that if our basic needs (food, clothing, shelter) are not met then we cannot learn. We cannot make good decisions. We cannot be successful. We must change this statistic in Arkansas (1 in 4 children in Arkansas go without food each day, 1 in 3 Senior Adults go without food in Arkansas each day). **To read more [click here!](#)**



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