

Learn to Swim Program

The Goal...

“Teach every Second Grade Student in Guilford County Public Schools to Swim”

The Alarming Statistics...

- Eight children drown each week in the United States
- For every child who dies from drowning, another 5 receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries
- 61% of ALL children do not know how to swim
- 68% of African American children do not know how to swim
- 56% of Hispanic children do not know how to swim
- 48% of Caucasian children do not know how to swim
- Drowning ranks 5th among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the U.S.

The Successes...

- **2012:** Learn to Swim program begins with four elementary schools, with 257 graduating from the program
- **2016:** The program grows to 9 schools with 678 graduates
- **2017-2018 School Year:** The program expands to include seven locations in High Point and 24 total locations in Guilford County, with an estimated 1,455 expected to graduate
- **2018-2019 School Year:** The program expands again to include 32 total locations with an estimated 2,045 expected graduates
- **2023-2024 School Year:** The program has 46 locations with an estimated 3,000 expected graduates

13,852 Graduates as of January 2024

The Challenge...

Only 68% of Guilford County 2nd Graders can participate due to lack of funding!

- There are 67 elementary schools in Guilford County - this year, 5,636 second-grade students are enrolled in these schools
- Learn to Swim is 100% funded by Private Funds
- Average Cost: \$45 per student for five lessons; \$3,500 per school
- *Average Annual Cost for ALL 2nd Graders: \$235,000*

***YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
TEACHING LIFE-SAVING SKILLS TO GUILFORD COUNTY 2ND GRADERS!***