

## Boone's Maytag Donates Appliances

Barton's Early Childhood Training program is a true example of how the college prepares students to meet the community needs. Childcare facilities and qualified care givers are in high demand in our communities and parents are always looking for someone to take care of their most important asset - their children. Parents want to be assured they are providing their family the very best care as they work or attend school. Barton's program is producing individuals who can be trusted with quality childcare, and part of their training includes learning how to provide good, nutritional meals and snacks to their children.

Barton's early childhood program has grown drastically under the instruction of Cheryl Couch, but to train her students properly she needs functional appliances. The forty-year-old appliances have not been working and with a class of 72 starting this fall it became of vital importance that all of the appliances are in good condition.

In reviewing the condition of the appliances it was found that none of them were working correctly to meet the need of the classes. Dan Boone of Boone's Maytag Home Appliance Center was approached to see if he would donate a refrigerator, double wall oven, two 33" cook top stoves and a microwave. He generously gave a huge discount on the cost of these appliances and will install them in the classroom. The Board of Directors of the Foundation accepted a proposal from the instructor for the remaining funds needed to purchase the needed appliances. The College has their maintenance personnel removing the old appliances and replacing the countertops with new Formica.

Working with Boone's Maytag Home Appliance Center to accomplish this project has been very beneficial and the College is always looking for partners to assist in small and large projects. It is truly appreciated that this need to enhance the students' learning experience could be met by a local retailer and will have positive effects on the children of our community. The parents who will be using these childcare providers will also be very thankful for the updated equipment and the results that it will create for their youngsters.