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Luck Stone Steps Up for Prince Edward County Kids

Charlottesville, Virginia (5/28/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that Racquets for Reading!!! has received a contribution from Luck Stone that will be used to purchase books and giveaways for 236 preschoolers and kindergartners in Prince Edward Elementary School in Prince Edward County. Luck Stone operates a quarry located about five miles west of the Town of Farmville.



"We were delighted to support the Racquets for Reading!!! program to benefit preschoolers and kindergartners at Prince Edward County Elementary School," said Jim Van Ness, Vice President of Luck Stone's Central Region. "At Luck Stone, our mission to ignite human potential and create positive impact calls us to give back to the communities where we live and work. Providing a supply of new, age-appropriate books supports giving the county's youngest citizens a strong start and a bright future."



Play tennis! Read books! Eat healthy! Have FUN!!! Be a QuickStart kid!

Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Coordinator, adds, "Luck Stone has a very special place in my heart. We received the very first grant to buy QuickStart Tennis equipment for schools from the Luck Companies Foundation over 12 years ago. Luck Stone has a quarry adjacent to an elementary school in Albemarle County where have a BrightSTARS–Tennis for Me! program. Years ago, I took a group of kids in an afterschool tennis program at Red Hill Elementary to the bottom of the Keswick quarry. I have soft spots for kids, tennis and geology, so I love getting Luck Stone involved in our projects. Having them support Racquets for Reading!!! in Prince Edward County is very special and very much appreciated."

Please visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners

through our <u>Racquets for Reading!!!</u> initiative during COVID. More than 2,400 kids reached with more than 20,000 books!!!

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QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format. QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville, plus under a special arrangement, King George County. We currently serve 212 schools with 99,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in communities outside our service area.

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