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Culpeper Kindergartners Receive Books Thanks to PATH Foundation

Charlottesville, Virginia (1/27/2022) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report 540 kindergartners in Culpeper County Public Elementary Schools have received books and giveaways thanks to a grant from the PATH Foundation.



Family Engagement Coordinator Carlene Tilson says, "Culpeper County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited regarding the partnership with The PATH Foundation and Racquets for Reading!!! for supplying our kindergarteners with Scholastic books that can be read at school and taken home. CCPS has an increased focus on early literacy given the impact of COVID-19 on our students, especially our youngest learners.

"The kindergarten students at CCPS have been greatly enjoying the wonderful books you provided for them. They are so excited to be able to have books to take home and enjoy. The reading ducks are a huge hit for the children, and they cannot wait to read another book to them. The banana-scented bookmarks have had the classrooms smelling very fruity and fun.

"We appreciate you providing our students with this wonderful opportunity. Please enjoy the pictures."

Lynda Harrill, QCV founder, adds, "Look at the smiling eyes above those masks. I think they really love the mini reading rubber duckies we sent them. Looks like their classmates are deep in thought reading their new books. That's what we like to see! Many thanks to the PATH Foundation for making this giveaway possible."



Please visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy kids in our service area.

Want to be a great adult? Play tennis! Read books! Eat healthy! Have FUN!!! Be a QuickStart kid!

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, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, 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 213 schools with 99,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs, in 31 Virginia counties and independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in Virginia communities outside our service area.

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