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## **Clearview Preschoolers Get Books and Giveaways**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (4/20/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that 80 preschoolers at Clearview Early Learning Center in the City of Martinsville have received books and FUN giveaways, including Go Bananas! cards, mini reading rubber duckies and banana-scented bookmarks, thanks to the generosity of the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia.



Sheilah Williams, Director of Early Childhood Services for Martinsville is pictured at left with a happy student.

Gina Pruitt, Administrative Assistant at Clearview, writes, "On behalf of Sheilah Williams, and the staff and students of Clearview Early Learning Center, we would like to say thank you once again for the generous book donation to our students.

"To say our students were excited doesn't do it justice. We heard giggles and squeals of joy in each classroom as Mrs. Williams visited and gave students their new books.

Thank you again for including our school in this program. We appreciate your generosity and support of our students and families. Thank you."



April M. Haynes, Regional Vice President at the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia, adds, "The Community Foundation recognizes the importance of teaching and encouraging young children to read, and we are thrilled to support the partnership between QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia and Clearview Early Learning Center to put books in the hands of young readers."



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 1,805 kids reached with more than 15,000 books!!!

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

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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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