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## **Racquets for Reading!!! Receives Community Impact Grant from Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (12/28/2020) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is thrilled to announce our [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) initiative has received a grant from the Community Impact Funds of Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia. This grant will be used to purchase Scholastic Book Clubs “bargain books” for 80 preschoolers at Clearview Early Learning Center in Martinsville, Virginia.



Pictured are Lynda Harrill of QCV, Michelle Eberly, Director of Grants & Donor Engagement, April Haynes, Regional Vice President and Kara Gilley, Program Associate at the Foundation.

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, “Michelle emailed and said they had a few questions about our grant application, so we set up a Zoom call. Imagine my surprise when they displayed a check and said our grant request had been approved. They caught me completely off-guard and totally made my day! We have been working with [Clearview](#) for four years with BrightSTARS-Tennis for Me! and Grow Veggies for QuickStart! The support of the Foundation means we can find another way to positively impact the lives of preschoolers who can use a boost toward academic success. Thanks for such a pleasant surprise and putting a smile on my face during these crazy times.”

Learn more about what QCV is doing to promote early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners through our [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) initiative.

*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, Greenville, 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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*A racquet in every hand! A smile on every face!*



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