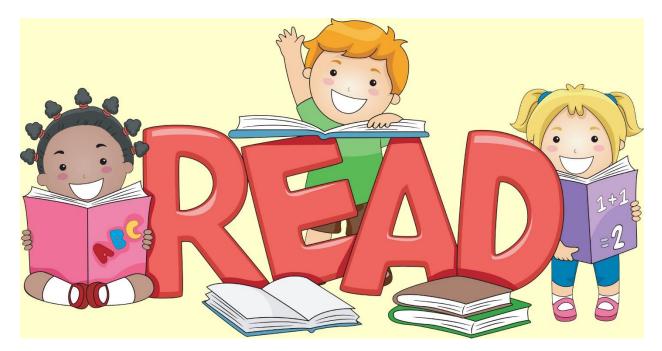


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QCV Receives Grant from Chaney Cares for Amelia County

Ivy, Virginia (11/17/2023) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report we have received a grant of \$1,500 from the Babe and Dick Chaney Memorial Fund to help start Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in Amelia County. The fund is administered by the Chaney Cares Committee. Chaney Cares is an initiative of Chaney Enterprises, which operates a concrete plant in Amelia County.

The Chaney Enterprises website says, "For decades, Chaney Enterprises has supported the communities in which it operates through philanthropic leadership, charitable contributions and sound stewardship of natural resources. The company's purpose — *pouring our heart and soul into our communities* — to deploy the company's resources to strategically address some of our community's most pressing needs." The company is taking its charitable giving, volunteerism and community leadership, or what is now called *Chaney Cares*, to the next level with a focus on employee engagement and increased impact across its footprint."



QCV's Founder and DPIL advocate Lynda Harrill says, "Amelia is a rural, underresourced county that will benefit greatly from DPIL. Having Chaney Cares step up for young kids in Amelia means the world to us and will open up the world to 700+ kids, many of whom have never had a book, any book, of their own. I know I may sound like a broken record, but early childhood literacy is a gamechanger. Literacy is the foundation for everything in life and it needs to begin the day a child is born. The first three years of life are so critical and often determine what kind of life a kid is going to have. We want all kids to have a life full of fun physical activity (hopefully tennis), healthy eating and reading. Besides, who is more fun than Dolly? Who has a more generous spirit? No one! We all need a little Dolly in our lives, especially young kids."

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 Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville. Through tennis, we create happy, healthy, active and literate kids in the communities we serve.

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