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Preschoolers and Kindergartners in Greene County Get Books

Charlottesville, Virginia (3/1/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that 130 preschoolers and kindergartners at Nathanael Greene Primary School in Greene County will receive Scholastic Book Club books this week as part of QCV's Racquets for Reading!!! initiative. The books, along with Go Bananas for QuickStart! cards, mini reading rubber duckies and banana-scented bookmarks, were made possible by a grant from an anonymous donor.







Nathanel Greene Primary Reading Specialist Jennifer Murphy says, "Here are a couple of pictures of our books and us packaging them up. We have plans to send them home during Read Across America Week, next week. How appropriate is that! We ordered tote bags, so the books can go home in style and be protected. We will be sure to get some more pictures as we pass them out and maybe a group all holding their treasured books. We are most grateful."

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill adds, "Racquets for Reading!!! has really taken off. We are so happy to be able to step up with this special initiative during these crazy COVID times to continue to enrich kids' lives. We know tennis is the best sport for kids and we know we want all kids to read proficiently by the end of kindergarten and have academic success. Being allowed to replicate our Racquets for Reading!!! success stories in more and more of our counties makes us happy and inspires us to do even more for more kids. We have wonderful donors who make this possible and who share our belief in the benefits of early childhood education. We know getting books to keep in kids' hands is a game-changer. We are grateful for the support we receive and for this opportunity to be of service."







Please visit our website to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners through our <u>Racquets for Reading!!!</u> initiative.

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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, 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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