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Buckingham County Receives Books for “Books on the Bus”

Charlottesville, Virginia (3/14/2022) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is thrilled to report Buckingham County Public Schools recently received 200 books for their “Books on the Bus” program, which is part of the new We K.A.R.E. (We Knights Are Reading Everywhere!) initiative. This contribution was made possible by [Book Baskets](#), a nonprofit organization that has been serving our local community for 27 years by encouraging reading and literacy through book ownership.



Angela Patterson-Jones, Family & Community Engagement Education Specialist for Buckingham County Public Schools (pictured on the left) drove up to meet us with her husband Rolf and daughter Arianna to pick up the books. Book Baskets board member Ioline Henter happily wheeled the books out. The 1,350 students in Buckingham who ride 36 buses every day are the beneficiaries of Book Baskets’ generosity.

Angela says, “Our book drive for ‘Books on the Bus’ ended on March 4th. We have collected 1,500 books in three weeks, and I am still counting. Thanks so much to Book Baskets for helping us exceed our goal. What a blessing!

I want our school division to be overflowing with books. We deeply care (K.A.R.E.) about our students and their success. Reading is so important, and our students need to have books available everywhere including at home, in the family vehicle and even on the school bus!”

Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Coordinator, adds, “There is a reading ‘explosion’ going on in Buckingham County. We’ve done Racquets for Reading!!! there for two years and helped start a chapter of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library that launched last year. Now they have ‘We K.A.R.E’ and ‘Books on the Bus.’ I was so happy when Angela reached out to me. Our relationship with Books Baskets made it easy to find 200 of the 1,000 books Angela hoped to collect for the program. Many thanks to Ioline and Book Baskets for stepping up once again for some of our schools.”



(Pictured left to right) Arianna Jones, Angela Patterson-Jones and Ioline Henter

Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy for 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, 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 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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