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QCV Receives Grant from Franklin Southampton Charities for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Startup

Williamsburg, Virginia (11/18/2025) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is thrilled to report Franklin Southampton Charities has approved our request for a \$5,000 grant to provide part of the startup funding for a new Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) program in the City of Franklin and Southampton County. The Local Program Partner, Early Childhood Western Tidewater (ECWT), has raised \$4,000, so the program should be launched before the end of the year.

There are 608 children in Franklin and 857 children in Southampton who will be eligible (age 0 to 5) to enroll and are fortunate to have Lorraine Whitehead and Mary Bradshaw of ECWT on their side.



Franklin Southampton Charities



Lynda Harrill, QCV Founder, says, “There are 1,400+ very fortunate children who are going to be able to receive a high-quality, age-appropriate book mailed directly to their home each month thanks to the generosity of Franklin Southampton Charities and enthusiasm of Lorraine and Mary. I love it when we get to fill in blanks on the Imagination Library map of Virginia. Behind the light blue color on the map, I envision smiles and know young lives are being changed by having access to books early in life. We’ve got five more dark spots on the map to turn light blue and we will have accomplished our goal of taking this awesome program to rural counties and small cities and towns all over Virginia. Seems like just yesterday, we found out about the program. It’s been five years ago this month!”

To enroll a child in Imagination Library in at no cost, register online at www.imaginationlibrary.com. Click on “Check Availability.”

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