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QCV Receives Another Book Grant from the Molina Foundation

Williamsburg, Virginia (10/16/2026) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is thrilled to report we have received another book grant from The Molina Foundation – 100 copies of "On My Way to Kindergarten" and 200 copies of their new book -- "Yankee Doodle: The Story Behind the Song." These books will be distributed to preschoolers at Charles City Elementary and Head Start students at James River Elementary (Williamsburg/James City County) to add to their home libraries.



The Molina Foundation, based in Southern California, is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of reducing disparities in access to education and health.

The Foundation focuses on improving outcomes for children in lower-income and high-risk communities. The Foundation believes that books in the home can contribute to wonderful learning-oriented environments -- word-rich places where families spend time reading, talking and learning together.

Since its inception in 2004, The Molina Foundation has partnered with more than 3,500 organizations and schools around the country to promote literacy and wellness. It has

granted more than 13 million new children's books in English and Spanish, and hosted hundreds of free workshops and programs for educators, families, and children.

The Foundation's Book Buddies literacy program is designed to support nonprofits, service agencies, libraries and other community organizations across the nation. The goal is to provide free books and other educational resources to help children, parents, and caregivers create word-filled homes through reading and learning together.

The Molina Foundation offers the Book Buddies program because they share with their grantees the common goals of organizing and providing resources that will have long-term positive impacts for lower-income households and neighborhoods across the nation.

QCV Founder Lynda Harrill, says, "We are so grateful for our continuing partnership with The Molina Foundation through Book Buddies. The more books we can get into kids' hands, the more likely we are to strike a chord with a child and open up the world to them. We can't change where a child comes from, but we can bring some joy into the lives of children, and we can shape their earliest learning experiences. It will take all of us heading in the same direction to improve early childhood literacy. We can get it done together!"

"Early childhood literacy is everybody's business and every child's birthright."

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Play tennis! Read books!
Eat healthy! Have FUN!!!
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QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (aka QuickStart Children of 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 Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved and at-risk youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format. We leverage the fun of tennis to promote lifelong physical activity, healthy eating/lifestyle habits and a love of reading in the communities we serve. We believe early childhood literacy will solve many socioeconomic problems and produce kids who will succeed in school and in life.

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