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Dear Friend of Stokes County's Young Children (and Bluegrass),

Every child deserves the opportunity to start school ready to learn. In Stokes County, more than **2,500 young children benefit each year from early literacy and early childhood programs supported by Stokes Partnership for Children.** Through initiatives that provide books, educational resources, and support for families and educators, we are working to ensure that our youngest learners have the strong foundation they need to succeed.

One of the most important ways we make this work possible is through our annual community fundraiser, **BBQ for Books with a Side of Bluegrass.**

We are excited to invite you to be part of this year's event on **Friday, October 9, 2026, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Nana-Mac Meadows in Pinnacle, NC** (doors open at 5:00 p.m.). This special evening brings our community together for **great food, live bluegrass music, auctions, games, and plenty of fun**, all while supporting early literacy for children across Stokes County.

This year we are thrilled to feature **Red Camel Collective**, recipients of the **2025 IBMA New Artist of the Year Award**. Their lead singer, **Heather Berry Mabe**, was also recently honored as **Female Vocalist of the Year at the SPBGMA Awards in Nashville.**

**We invite you to support this special evening by donating an item, gift certificate, experience, or service for our live or silent auctions.** Auction items are one of the most exciting parts of the evening and play a vital role in helping us raise funds for early childhood programs and books for young children throughout Stokes County.

**Items of all sizes and values are welcome, and even a simple gift certificate or small item can help us raise important funds for children in our community.**

Examples of popular auction items include gift certificates, vacation stays, outdoor experiences, themed gift baskets, handcrafted items, services, or tickets to local events.

If you would like to contribute, please contact our office and we will be happy to arrange pickup of your donation. You can reach us at 336-985-2676 or email us at [buildingfoundations@stokespfc.com](mailto:buildingfoundations@stokespfc.com).

We also hope you will consider attending the event and enjoying the evening with us. For more information, please visit [www.stokespfc.com](http://www.stokespfc.com), follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stokespartnershipforchildren](https://www.facebook.com/stokespartnershipforchildren), or call us at 336-985-2676.

Thank you for helping us give Stokes County's youngest children a strong start.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy S. Tuttle".

Cindy S. Tuttle  
Executive Director