

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

We are happy to announce the **2025 BBQ FOR BOOKS WITH A SIDE OF BLUEGRASS FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN STOKES COUNTY**, hosted by Stokes Partnership for Children, your local non-profit Smart Start agency. This year the event will be held on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025, FROM 6:00 TO 9:00 P.M. AT NANA-MAC MEADOWS IN PINNACLE, NC. DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.**

You can look forward to some great bluegrass music with Stokes County's own, Grammy-nominated, **MASON VIA**. Since Mason's original album release with Mountain Fever Records, New Horizons, he has taken the Bluegrass and Americana scenes by storm. He was listed by NPR as one of the top 10 bluegrass artists thriving in modern Nashville.

You can also look forward to great food, our live and silent auctions, all the games and the tremendous fun that has put this event on the map. All proceeds from *BBQ for Books with a Side of Bluegrass* are used to purchase new books and to fund early childhood programs for over 2,500 young children in Stokes County.

Your support will help to fund early childhood programs such as:

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - **EVERY** child under 5 years of age in Stokes County receives a free book EVERY month!
- Reach Out and Read - We provide every Reach Out and Read pediatric program site with a **LITERACY RICH** waiting area that contains a special reading chair, rug, bookcase, and a child size table with chairs.
- Lending Library - **BOOKS** are purchased to be available for check out by the public through the KidSource Child Care Resource and Referral Library in King.
- Little Folks Festival & Other Events - Books are given away at **COMMUNITY** events like our Little Folks Festival (Walnut Cove & King). Young children visit a school classroom during the event and get to take a book home for free.
- Book Walk - Our Book Walk, located at King Central Park, encourages children and their families to enjoy reading and the **OUTDOORS**. Future exhibits are planned in other parks throughout the county.
- Early Childhood Programs - Funds may also be used for an assortment of other **EARLY CHILDHOOD** programs that are underfunded, focusing on early literacy, family support, health and early care and education.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A FORMAL REQUEST FOR A DONATION OF AN AUCTION ITEM. Would you consider donating something special to our event? We really do appreciate it!

We hope that you will also consider attending the event. You can find out more information by visiting our website at www.stokespfc.com, by visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stokespfnpartnershipforchildren or by giving us a call at 336-985-2676. Thank you for supporting early literacy in Stokes County!

Sincerely,



Cindy S. Tuttle
Executive Director