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KITTANNING, PA – The Armstrong County Community Action Partnership (ACCAP) was awarded by the Justamere Foundation a two-year grant in the amount of \$94,380 in support of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Program.

The mission of the Justamere Foundation, located in Exton, PA, is “To impact generational poverty through grants for career education and supporting programs. Their goal is to remove the barriers that are keeping hard working people from being fully self-sufficient. They support programs that are addressing these obstacles, big and small, in a way that opens a path to self-reliance. They are dedicated to working with their community partners to find innovative ways to help their neighbors through education, coaching and connections.”

In October 2022, ACCAP began a partnership with The Dollywood Foundation to bring Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to Armstrong County. Children ages birth to five years old are provided with quality books to help inspire them and their families to develop a love of reading.

According to the United States Census Bureau, Armstrong County has a high school dropout rate of 8%, or 5,228 of the total population. Furthermore, of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania, Armstrong County falls at number 52 with one of the lowest literacy rates in the state. ACCAP believes that the greatest impact on this epidemic can be made by reaching children at a very young age by inspiring a love reading and, thereby, fostering a love of learning.

For more information about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, please contact Robin Rainey, ACCAP’s Family Services Department Manager, at 724.548.3408 ext. 5760 or robinra@armstrongcap.com.

The Armstrong County Action Partnership would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support. Without the community’s support, ACCAP would not be able to fulfill the *Promise of Community Action*:

Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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