Imagination Library of Scott County is requesting a $5,000 donation from Scott County Public Schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

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September 17, 2010

United Way of Southwest Virginia
P. O. Box 1225
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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that Executive Director, Angie Sproles with Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency Inc., has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for the Scott County Imagination Library. Ms. Sproles also agreed to maintain our data base and assist in any way possible **except** fund raising.

You may recall in 2003 United Way President, Bob McConnell, introduced the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program to the United Way Board. It was later decided that we would begin a pilot program in Scott County to generate interest in Southwest Virginia. It was decided that United Way would provide initial funding and act as the fiscal agent. It was never United Way's intention to continue as the fiscal agent. I was selected to initiate the program in Scott County. Ms. Sproles requested that I remain as the volunteer coordinator and fund raiser for the program in which I agreed.

We now have commitments from the Scott County Board of Supervisors, School Board, Rotary, Retired Teachers Association and others to assist in the annual funding. In speaking with Dr. Gary Michaels and Lisa McConnell we would respectfully request that United Way match the $5,000 amount given by each of our county boards. With these financial commitments plus those from other sources I feel the program will be financially sound.

Please keep in mind we have already placed in excess of 30,000 books to Scott County children between the ages of birth to five years old. This is a great contribution to the early childhood development of our greatest asset, "our children".

Thank so much for all United Way does for our beloved county and remember you were the catalyst for starting the very first program in Virginia.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

M.A. Lunsford
Volunteer Coordinator
Imagination Library of Scott County