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QuickStart Tennis Receives Dan River Region Grant

Charlottesville, Virginia (1/25/2016) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](#)) is pleased to announce that QCV's Jump Start QuickStart Tennis Initiative has received a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region (CFDRR). The grant was made from the James Russell & Zora Carter Anderson Fund in the CFDRR. The funds will be used to purchase tennis equipment for five of the six elementary schools in the City of Danville. The sixth school, Park Avenue Elementary, was given a full set of equipment last November after Danville PE teachers were trained. Park Avenue has been sharing this equipment with the other five schools until now.

QCV was one of 49 organizations that received grants from CFDRR, totaling \$617,000.



Danville Tennis Booster Neda Haymore (pictured at left) accepted the CFDRR check on QCV's behalf. Neda is a longtime tennis player and grandmother of two students at Forest Hills Elementary in Danville. Retired from Danville City Schools, she now teaches kids to play tennis at Stratford Tennis Club. Neda says, "I want to extend a special thank you to the Community Foundation for providing a way for all children in Danville

City Schools to be exposed to tennis in their PE classes. Tennis provides exercise, team building, friendship and a life long way to stay healthy."

Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Coordinator adds, "We appreciate the Foundation's generosity and support of QuickStart Tennis. We couldn't do what we do without organizations like the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region. We are also grateful to find individuals like Neda in the communities we serve. We are always looking for 'tennis DNA' to connect the dots and build a tennis pathway for kids. Neda is a wonderful example of a tennis player who understands how tennis can benefit kids on

so many levels and steps up to help out. We could use a 'Neda' in all 27 of our counties.”

QuickStart Tennis of Central 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 the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greenville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville. We currently serve 166 schools with 80,000 kids, ten parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 30 additional schools with 14,000 students in southwestern and eastern central Virginia as part of the Mid-Atlantic Supercharge School Tennis Task Force.

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