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## **QuickStart Tennis Makes Grant of Equipment to Danville Schools**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (2/18/2016) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia (QCV) is pleased to report that QCV has made a grant of tennis equipment for Forest Hills, Gibson, Johnson, Schoolfield and Woodberry Hills Elementary Schools in Danville. Funding was provided by a grant to QCV from the James Russell & Zora Carter Anderson Fund in the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region. Despite a brief snow delay, all equipment has been delivered.

Crystal Boyd, PE teacher at Forest Hills Elementary says, "Thank you so much for getting us the equipment! You are awesome!" Ramona Booker, PE teacher at Schoolfield Elementary, says, "The equipment is such a blessing. Thank you for the excellent training we received and the kid-sized equipment. Our kids are really fortunate you have introduced tennis into their lives." Former college player and tennis professional, Jay Rojas, who teaches physical education at Woodberry Hills Elementary (pictured below with his students), says, "I am so appreciative of the tennis equipment we have received. Actually I'm thrilled to death! Danville schools have been blessed."



Harrill, QCV's Lynda QuickStart Tennis Coordinator and Founder, adds, "It is always thrilling to make QuickStart Tennis equipment grants to schools. We know from seven-plus years of experience what this means to kids, especially those who are disadvantaged and have been underserved. Getting tennis in PE classes is the just the beginning of a

tennis pathway for kids that can lead to a lifetime of physical activity, not to mention the life lessons and life skills tennis imparts. We truly appreciate the generosity of all the grantors like the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region, sponsors and donors who have supported QCV on its mission to put a racquet in every hand and a smile on every face. We look forward to working with the Danville schools and other school systems in southside Virginia to get kids moving and having FUN, so they'll come back for more."

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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,

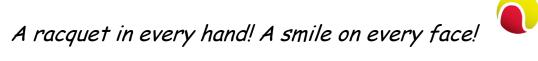
develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

QCV's service area includes Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greensville, 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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