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## **QS Tennis Time Growing Tennis in Prince Edward County**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (3/9/2017) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report QuickStart Tennis continues to thrive in Farmville and Prince Edward County. QS Tennis Time, headed up by Dr. Billy Rutherford, recently arranged an outing to a Longwood University Women's Tennis match for tennis team members from the Fuqua School and Randolph Henry. The two teams watched the Longwood team practice and the participated in an hour-long clinic with the players and coaches. Rutherford is planning a similar event with the Hampden-Sydney College tennis team this spring.

QS Tennis Time's annual tennis camp, scheduled for June 5-9, is expanding again this year to include more QuickStarters who have aged up. Four college-level coaches and one high school coach will be instructors.



Tennis FUN at Longwood University

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, "What a pleasure to have a community volunteer like Billy Rutherford. I wish I could clone him. He is always looking for ways to connect all the 'tennis dots' in Prince Edward County and neighboring Charlotte County. Most rural counties don't have the luxury of independent tennis professionals to provide programming. Sometimes, it takes a 'tennis village' to get it done. Billy has provided leadership and an abundance of enthusiasm, and has brought everyone together for tennis. We especially love to see college tennis programs connect with kids. Tennis players make the best role models for kids, and Billy is a great role model for other volunteers."

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 204 schools with 94,000 kids, 13 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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