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QCV Gives Equipment to Buckingham After-School Participants

Charlottesville, Virginia (2/3/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia (QCV) is pleased to report the 16 second-graders who are participating in the Buckingham County Primary School After-School QuickStart program this semester have been given racquets and balls of their own. Program Director Zelda Maxie recently presented the equipment to the kids.

Zelda says, "The students were very excited to receive 'their very own racquets.' One student said she felt like she was on TV. The students cheered when I told them they would be taking the racquets home to enjoy. It is my hope that these students will inspire their family members to play tennis and lead healthier lifestyles."

Primary School Principal Pennie Allen says, "Once again I applaud the support of our partners at QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia. The recreation part of our 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant is so important to our students. We truly appreciate the generous donation that enabled each student in the after-school tennis program to get their very own racquet and balls. Hopefully they will take them home and get their parents or grandparents up and moving playing tennis with them!"



Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Coordinator, adds, "We have a longstanding relationship with Buckingham County and are always looking for new and different ways to positively impact kids in that community. Zelda Maxie has done an outstanding job with the afterschool tennis program, so we thought we'd surprise her students."

To see all QCV has done in Buckingham County, visit the <u>Buckingham page</u> on our website.

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 141 schools with 67,000 kids, nine 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 28 additional schools in southwestern and eastern Virginia as part of the Supercharge School Tennis Task Force in the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section which kicked off in August 2014 and runs for the current school year.

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