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## **QCV Makes Equipment Grant to Bright Stars at Greer Elementary**

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (4/15/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](http://www.quickstartcentral.org)) is pleased to report an equipment grant has been made to the Bright Stars program at Greer Elementary School. Bright Stars, which is part of the Virginia Preschool Initiative that supports Albemarle County Public Schools and the County’s Department of Social Services, encourages collaboration with other community organizations to provide early-learning experiences that can improve academic performance and social success. These are four-year-old kids who might otherwise not have opportunities for a quality preschool experience. The two classrooms will share 19-inch racquets, red foam QuickStart balls, puffer balls, cones and a net. They have an indoor activity space near the classrooms and a blacktop right outside, so they won’t have to go far to play tennis.



QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, “This is what makes what I do so much FUN! When I went to Greer to deliver the equipment, I was greeted as the ‘Bananas Lady’ by the kids, and they couldn’t wait to tell me about all the healthy fruits and vegetables they had eaten since my [Go Bananas!](#) visit there last month. It is really heartwarming to know the Go Bananas! message has had an impact on these kids. And as you can tell from the photograph, they all were thrilled to get tennis equipment. I was invited to participate in a Field Day for the Bright Stars next month, so I’m looking forward to seeing these smiling faces again soon.”

For more photos, check out our [Facebook](#) page.

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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, 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 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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