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SuperStarters Sports Fields Jefferson Tennis League Team

Charlottesville, Virginia (7/7/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](http://www.quickstartcentral.org)) is pleased to report SuperStarters Sports has formed a team to compete in the Jefferson Junior Tennis League (JJTL) this summer. The 10 and Under Team, which is offered through Albemarle County Parks & Recreation, is composed of kids who have participated in SuperStarters after-school programs at Brownsville Elementary, Broadus Wood Elementary and St. Anne's-Belfield or in summer camps. Team members include Brendan Stype, Caroline Funk, Cicely Crawford, Davis Kaufman, Emmie Wiener, Harrison Kinsey, Jonathan Alexander and Miguel Crawford. The team is coached by Ellen Markowitz, PhD., founder of SuperStarters Sports and Director of Tennis for Albemarle County Parks & Recreation.



Ellen says, "I have wanted to join the JJTL for a few years, and thought this would be a good year for it. We now have a number of kids who are 8-11 years old and have progressed to the point of not only wanting to compete, but also being ready for match play in their strokes and attitudes. Even if not every team has 10 & under players week to week, it's a chance for the team to have regular practice time,

and learn by playing each other. They are always smiling and having fun together on the court, which is a joy to see!"

"This is their first experience on a tennis team, and they are learning so much every week! It's really exciting to see them grow and improve in their tennis. Last week we went to Farmington, where most of the kids stepped on a clay court for the first time! At the end of the day, when I asked them what they learned, responses were about keeping score correctly, how to say the score right, serves getting better, being ready for the ball, and other great answers!"

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, "A new public-based team like this gives non-club kids the opportunity to compete in a supportive, team atmosphere

against established club teams. Dr. E is taking her students to the next level, and from the smiles in the photo, it looks like everyone is enjoying the new experience.”

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.

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