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## QuickStart PRO Session at Crozet Elementary Wraps Up

**Charlottesville, Virginia (7/7/2014)** – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report successful completion of a two-week session of QuickStart PRO at Crozet Elementary School. Tennis was taught as part of the daily curriculum for 80+ kids from Crozet and Brownsville Elementary Schools in a combined summer school program. Funding for this QuickStart PRO effort was made possible by a grant from USTA Serves, the national charitable arm of the United States Tennis Association.



The QuickStart PRO instructor was Jess Powell, a recent graduate of Western Albemarle High School (WAHS) and a rising freshman at Virginia Commonwealth University. Jess was assisted by WAHS rising senior Claudia Garcia and classroom teachers who appeared to have as much FUN as their students.



Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Coordinator, says, "Crozet Elementary is definitely a 'tennis school.' Principal Gwedette Crummie has been so welcoming and supportive of our

efforts to expose students to tennis, and she jumped at the opportunity to include tennis in summer school this year. Jess and Claudia did a terrific job 'on court' and engaged all the kids and teachers as well. Several of the Crozet teachers said they will continue tennis for their students during the third week of summer school."

Harrill adds, "Crozet Elementary also has a thriving after-school program led by Matilda Blue Tennis. QCV gave each first-, second- and third-grader their own racquet and balls last fall, thanks to a grant from the Smyth Foundation Fund. Now with three 36-foot QuickStart courts under construction in the field behind the school, we expect to see a lot of tennis being played by Crozet kids. Our goal is building a solid tennis pathway at Crozet Elementary, and QuickStart PRO is an integral part of our efforts."

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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 23 counties and one independent city in central Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth.

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