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Scottsville Elementary Receives Grow Veggies! Grant

Charlottesville, Virginia (3/31/2014) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to announce a Grow Veggies for QuickStart! grant has been made to Scottsville Elementary School to expand their current gardening space. Third-grade teacher, Tracy Armstrong, is serving as the “tennis garden” coordinator for the school. This grant was made possible by support from USTA Serves, the national charitable foundation of the United States Tennis Association.



Armstrong says, “I have been gardening with students at Scottsville Elementary School for three years. We have one bed outside of my classroom door. Though we are a rural school in a farming community, very few of our students have home gardens, and there is not currently a lot of enthusiasm for gardening at our school. I would like to change this to a positive, learning experience where kids and adults can get their hands dirty and have fun together.”

Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Coordinator, adds, “Last summer Scottsville Elementary shared its facilities with Yancey students for summer school. We had a QuickStart PRO teach Yancey kids tennis as part of the summer school curriculum. I was there for ‘opening day’ and got to talk to the Scottsville Principal Sharon Amato-Wilcox about what we were doing for Yancey. She was very interested, so we’ve now ‘adopted’ Scottsville as one of our ‘next level’ schools. Connecting kids with healthy foods and developing a passion for gardening is what Grow Veggies! is all about.”

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,

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