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Jump Start QuickStart Tennis Initiative Receives Grant for Franklin and Patrick Counties

Charlottesville, Virginia (1/19/2018) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report QCV has received a grant from the Richard & Caroline T. Gwathmey Memorial Trust (Bank of America, N.A., Trustee) for our Jump Start QuickStart Tennis Initiative in Franklin and Patrick counties. The Jump Start model is train, equip and support schools and youth organizations that want to incorporate kid-sized tennis into their activities. All 12 elementary schools in Franklin County have now been equipped and the last of six schools in Patrick will soon have equipment.



Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Tennis Coordinator, says, “We are completely thrilled to receive this grant as it marks the completion of our Jump Start QuickStart Tennis Initiative. We have purchased equipment for the last few schools in Franklin and Patrick counties and will also provide some equipment for community programs. Jump Start QuickStart began as an informal pilot with two schools in Albemarle County in 2008. It blossomed into a 21-county goal with the ‘official’

launch of QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia in January 2010. It ultimately grew to cover 27 counties and three independent cities in central and southside Virginia, and it finally ended up with 207 schools with participation of over 95,000 students. Looking back, it seems almost impossible, but we did it by focusing on one county/city at a time, customizing our approach to suit the community’s needs, partnering with a lot of great people and organizations and getting financial support from within the communities and from those with a broader reach like the Gwathmey Trust. The Gwathmey Trust stepped up to take us across the finish line. We are so grateful for their support.”

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 207 schools with more than 95,000 kids, 15 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 30 additional schools with 14,000 students in southwestern and eastern central Virginia as part of the Mid-Atlantic Supercharge School Tennis Task Force.

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