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Jump Start QuickStart Receives Grant to Equip Dudley Elementary School in Franklin County

Charlottesville, Virginia (2/9/2018) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report QCV has received a grant from the Smith Mountain Lake Rotary Foundation for Jump Start QuickStart in Franklin County. Equipment has been purchased for at Dudley Elementary School. Thanks to this grant, 300 students will be able to learn the ABCs (agility, balance and coordination) of tennis in PE class.



Shirley Sorrentino, SML Rotary Foundation Trustee, says, "The Rotary Club of Smith Mountain Lake has proudly participated in collaborative programs with Franklin and Bedford County schools for a number of years. At Dudley Elementary School, students have had Rotary lunch buddies and reading partners, learned about many different careers, received warm, winter coats and weekend meals. The Rotary Club has the opportunity again to support students in a fun, healthy and unique educational program through support of QuickStart Tennis . . . This is a winning combo for everyone!"

Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Tennis Coordinator, adds, "Support from communityminded organizations like the Rotary Club of Smith Mountain Lake makes growing tennis for kids an absolute pleasure. The Rotary Club's existing relationship with the school is a big plus. I see a lot of intergenerational tennis in the future at Dudley."

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, Greensville, 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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