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QCV Receives Grant for Jump Start QuickStart in King George County

Charlottesville, Virginia (3/15/2018) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report QCV has received a grant from the Duff McDuff Green, Jr. Fund in the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region to equip schools and the parks & recreation department in King George County. Mr. Green, who passed away in 2009, was known for his philanthropy. Though he was a bachelor with no children, he believed kids spend too much time indoors, so he wanted to encourage them to be active outside. He donated land for Duff McDuff Green Memorial Park in Stafford County, which was named for his great-grandfather, and created a fund in the Community Foundation. His fund supports recreational opportunities and programs that benefit youth in Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford counties.

A training session was held in early March at King George Middle School. Over 20 individuals participated in the session, which was led by Ebonye Jones, Net Generation & Community Engagement Coordinator for USTA/Mid-Atlantic. Jones was accompanied by Ronnie Goodall, Senior Manager, Net Generation & Community Engagement. Net Generation is the USTA's latest youth tennis initiative to grow kid-sized tennis and focuses on identifying local tennis providers and getting tennis into PE classes and parks & recreation programs.



Ronnie and Ebonye tell the participants what to expect at training

Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Tennis Coordinator, says, "King George County is a special project for us. Tessa Pehanick, who helped start QCV in 2009, retired from Albemarle County Schools last year and recently became the PE teacher for the Dahlgren School at the US Navy facility in King George County. She planned to get tennis going at her school, so of course I asked her, 'What about the rest of the County?' I contacted Kristine Hill, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction for KG schools and she was very receptive. Then I was lucky enough to learn the Community Foundation in Fredericksburg

covers King George County as well and has a fund that supports youth sports. It was a perfect match! After I wrote the grant request, USTA Net Generation stepped up to offer some equipment, so that will allow us to stretch the grant even further in the county. We are most appreciative of Mr. Green's vision and his Fund's generosity. Equipment is now in the hands of the PE teachers at the Dahlgren School, King George, Potomac and Sealston elementary schools and King George Middle School, and we're not done yet. We are really looking forward to watching tennis blossom in King George County. I think Mr. Green would be pleased."



Ebonye (center) leads the racquet quickness drill for participants

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 our service area of 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 and five schools with 3,200 kids in King George County.

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