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## Jump Start QuickStart in Patrick County

**Charlottesville, Virginia (5/22/2018)** – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is happy to report QCV has finished equipping the three remaining elementary schools in Patrick County. Blue Ridge, Hardin Reynolds Memorial and Meadows of Dan elementary schools have received kid-sized tennis equipment thanks to the generous support of the Martinsville Area Endowment Fund in the Martinsville Area Community Foundation, the Titmus Foundation and the Richard & Caroline Gwathmey Memorial Trust.



Students at Blue Ridge Elementary (top) and Hardin Reynolds Memorial

Blue Ridge Elementary Principal Rozina S. Turner, says, “The QuickStart Tennis grant allows Blue Ridge Elementary School students a great learning opportunity. Tennis is not popular in our community, so the grant provides students exposure to another potential sport, one they may choose to continue to play in high school and throughout their lives. This grant provided resources that, due to limited funds, our school would not have. Thank you so much.”

Jessica Horton, Teacher at Hardin Reynolds Memorial, says, “The new tennis equipment provides our students with a wonderful opportunity to learn basic skills for tennis. This sport can benefit students for a lifetime, teaching them teamwork, confidence and problem-solving skills. The rackets also give students a chance to build coordination skills, hand-eye coordination, and fine motor skills. This equipment will be a valuable resource for our school for years to come. Thank you!”

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill adds, “Now all 1,800 students in the six elementary schools in Patrick County can learn to play tennis in school. We are so grateful to the grantors who made this possible and the enthusiasm in the community. We look forward to watching tennis grow in Patrick County.”

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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 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 three YMCAs in our service area of 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 35 additional schools with 14,000 students in communities outside our service area.

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