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Annual Racquet and Ball Giveaway at Crozet Elementary

Charlottesville, Virginia (5/3/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that the seventh annual Go Bananas! racquet and ball giveaway for first-graders at Crozet Elementary Schools finally happened. Originally scheduled for last spring and delayed due to COVID-19, the event was recently held on a warm, sunny day on the QuickStart Tennis courts at the school. The COVID-modified activities were led by Dawn Laine, PE teacher at the school with an assist from Wes Davis, also a PE teacher at the school.



Also present were QCV Board members Barbara Bozsik and Robert Gibb, Crozet Elementary Principal and QCV Board member Gwedette Crummie, second-grade classroom teachers and Tiffany Miller Jenkins of Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group. A generous contribution from <u>Atlantic Bay Cares</u> made this year's giveaway possible.



Tiffany, Robert and Dawn

The now second-graders received racquets and balls, Go Bananas for QuickStart! bracelets and a selection of Go Bananas! cards. Another giveaway for this year's first-graders will be held later this month.

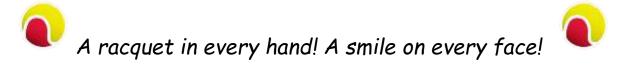
Please visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners through our <u>Racquets for Reading!!!</u> initiative during COVID. More than 1,805 kids reached with more than 17,000 books!!!

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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, 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, plus under a special arrangement, King George County. We currently serve 212 schools with 99,000 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 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in communities outside our service area.

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