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## QuickStart Tennis Celebrates 10 Years at Greer Elementary

**Charlottesville, Virginia (9/27/2018)** – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to announce that a 10th anniversary celebration of QuickStart Tennis in PE classes at Greer Elementary School was held recently. Kids in kindergarten through second grade, 277 in all, participated.

Ten years ago, Barbara Watson, PE teacher at Greer and now a QCV Board member, volunteered to be QCV's pilot for kid-sized tennis in PE classes. Tennis has been taught in PE at Greer ever since. Barbara organized and emceed the 10th anniversary celebration, which involved 90+ kids in the gym at one time. In addition to a FUN time in the gym, the kids were treated to a special 10th anniversary t-shirt, Go Bananas for QuickStart! bracelets and Go Bananas! nutrition cards for bananas, carrots, broccoli and lean meats. A special treat was a visit by Sara O'Leary, Head Coach for the UVA Women's Tennis Team, and Volunteer Assistant Coach Ben McClarren.



277 kids were rotated through the gym over three hours



QCV Founder Lynda Harrill says, “WOW, 10 years . . . the time has flown by. I remember Barbara calling me and offering to be the Guinea pig for my experiment. The model I had in mind involved training PE teachers and any interested community members for free with no strings except a promise to give it a try, and writing grants to raise funds to purchase tennis equipment for schools, parks & rec departments and other youth-based organizations. The goal was to make it as easy as possible for people to incorporate tennis into their activities. Well, 243 schools later, I guess it worked. We couldn’t have done all we have done without community partnerships and volunteers. Today was evidence of those. The Greer PE and classroom teachers were awesome today. Dedicated volunteers Linda Perry, Margaret Rose, Mary Alice Bond and Gabriela Chase again stepped up. QCV Board members Alina Ackenbom, Barbara Bozsik, Barbara Watson and Roy Harrill kept things flowing smoothly. It was quite a logistical feat and a FUN way to celebrate 10 years of kid-sized tennis in the community QCV serves. Many thanks to everyone who made all this possible. Are you ready for another 10 years?”

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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 36 additional schools with 15,000 students in communities outside our service area.

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