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## Blythe Sturman Receives QuickSTARS Stipend

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (5/4/2022) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report QuickStart up and comer Blythe Sturman has been awarded a QuickSTARS stipend to help defray tournament entry fees. Blythe who recently celebrated her 13th birthday was last ranked #6 in Virginia in Girls' 12-and-Under and is currently ranked #16 in Girls' 14-and-Under. She is fresh off a run to the finals at a tournament at Virginia Beach Tennis & Country Club where she lost to the #1 seed.



Blythe shares, "Over the weekend I played in a Girls' 14s L5 in Virginia Beach. I was the #2 seed and had a bye in the first round. I won my first match 6-1, 6-0. My next match, which was the semi-finals, I won in a close 3rd set tiebreak, which led me to the finals. I unfortunately lost in the finals to the #1 seed. I really enjoyed this tournament and the experience!"

Mom Suzanne adds, "Thank you so much QuickStart Tennis - the support from your organization for Blythe's tennis tournaments means so much to our whole family!"

QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, "We recently learned Blythe had stopped playing soccer and wanted to focus her energy on tennis. Looks like her dedication is paying off. We look forward to seeing her rise in the rankings and are thrilled to support her in any way we can. We love seeing QuickStart kids succeed in tennis and in life."



Blythe (at age five) and her brothers Wade and Gage at QCV's QuickStart Kids Day at a UVA Men's Tennis Match on March 13, 2015.

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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, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, 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 214 schools with 101,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs, in 31 Virginia counties and independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in Virginia communities outside our service area.

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