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## **BrightSTARS Sessions at Stone-Robinson Elementary Wrap Up**

**Charlottesville, Virginia (6/12/2018)** – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that the first year of BrightSTARS–Tennis for Me! at Stone-Robinson Elementary, which ended June 4, was a great success. BrightSTARS–Tennis for Me! is a tennis and nutrition immersion format developed by QCV for preschoolers who participate in Virginia Preschool Initiative classrooms in public schools in central and southside Virginia. The BrightSTARS curriculum is taught in 10 sessions over five months during the school year. Currently there are 12 BrightSTARS schools with 750 kids.



At the final session at Stone-Robinson, the kids received a Go Bananas for QuickStart! poster and Go Bananas! cards for Lean Meats and Seafood. They were also given a Go Bananas! drawstring tennis ball bag and a racquet and ball to keep. Classroom teachers Geisha Goodman and Ruth Parham both received QCV’s “Top Banana” awards for being “all-in” for QuickStart Tennis. The kids were also treated to a visit by UVA Men’s Tennis Player Spencer Bozsik, son of QCV Board member Barbara Bozsik. Spencer recently completed his first year at UVA.

Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Tennis Coordinator, says, “Our first year of BrightSTARS–Tennis for Me! at Stone-Robinson was absolutely wonderful! The teachers and kids were so eager to learn and so attentive. We kept the cafeteria hopping until the weather cooperated and we finally made it outdoors to the blacktop. Community volunteer

Gabriela Chase and QCV Board member Barbara Bozsik were superb with the kids! We are so thankful for the Party Parade Fund in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation for their generosity that made it possible for us to buy tennis equipment for the preschool classroom and reach 18 more preschoolers. I think this group of kids is going to play tennis for a very long time.”



Coach Gabriela Chase, Spencer Bozsik and some BrightSTARS

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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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