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## QuickStart Tennis to Celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Greer Elementary

Charlottesville, Virginia (8/20/2018) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of QuickStart Tennis in PE at Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County. Greer was the very first school to incorporate tennis into the PE curriculum back in September 2008 when Barbara Watson, now a QCV Board member, was a PE teacher at the school. To mark the occasion, QCV will "take over" the gym, set up stations and rotate 180 kindergartners, first-graders and second-graders through different play stations over three hours.

The FUN is planned for Tuesday, September 25, 2018, starting at 11:30 a.m.



Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Tennis Coordinator, says, "It's really hard to believe it's been 10 years. WOW! Greer was our very first school. In that 10 years, we've taken tennis to 243 schools. We've done so many different things at Greer over the years – equipping the school's PE program with tennis racquets, balls and nets, racquet giveaways to summer-school students and then to all first-, second- and third-grade students one year, a tennis festival with UVA players, a QuickStart Critters art project, many Go Bananas! visits to PE classes and after-school programs, refurbishment of Greer's raised garden beds through Grow Veggies for QuickStart!, and the very first BrightSTARS-Tennis for Me! classrooms five years ago. It all started with a phone conversation with Barbara Watson who volunteered to pilot the then new QuickStart format in her PE classes. Thank you Barbara for taking a chance on QuickStart."

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. 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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