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## BrightSTARS-Tennis for Me! Wraps up Fall Sessions

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (12/11/2017) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report the fall sessions of [BrightSTARS-Tennis for Me!](#) have recently finished. Our tennis and nutrition immersion format for preschoolers was expanded in Albemarle County this school year from Greer and Cale elementary schools to include Agnor-Hurt, Stone-Robinson and Woodbrook. A total of 140 kids were taught the ABCs of tennis (Agility/Balance/Coordination) by a group of dedicated community volunteers and QCV Board members.



QuickStart Tennis Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, “There is absolutely nothing more FUN in tennis than working with preschoolers. I love talking ‘serious’ tennis players into volunteering, so they can recapture the FUN of learning to play. The look on a child’s face when he or she hits the very first pop volley over a portable net or a topspin forehand off a 12-inch traffic cone is priceless. We had a terrific group of volunteers last semester – Margaret Rose, Linda Perry, Robert Gibb, Mary Alice Bond, Tristan Venables and Gabriela Chase, who helped me and Board members Barbara Bozsik and Barbara Watson. The preschool teachers and teaching assistants stepped up too. Having the teachers learning along with the kids makes a big difference in how the kids progress and it encourages play between sessions, which we love! We were able to expand the program this school year thanks to a grant from the Party Parade Fund. Amazing things can be accomplished for kids who need it the most when the community steps up.”

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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 two YMCAs in 27 counties and three independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 30 additional schools with 14,000 students in southwestern and eastern central Virginia as part of the Mid-Atlantic Supercharge School Tennis Task Force.

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