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## Pittsylvania County Schools Share Tennis Equipment

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (3/8/2016) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](#)) is pleased to report that sharing, cooperation and collaboration are alive and well in Pittsylvania County Public Schools. Those three attributes are essential to get kids playing tennis in PE before all schools can be given their own equipment. Schools need dedicated equipment to encourage spontaneous play at recess, start after-school programs, offer tennis as part of back-to-school and family nights and promote open play in the gym.

Last month a contribution from SHEETZ was used to buy equipment for Mount Airy Elementary School. Jordan Parker, PE teacher at Mount Airy, knew the PE teachers at Gretna Elementary were rearing to go, so he generously offered them the equipment package. Pictured below (L to R) are Gretna PE teachers, Natalie Angell and Malon Dalton, and Jordan with the new equipment in the Gretna Elementary gym.



Lynda Harrill, QCV's QuickStart Tennis Coordinator and Founder, says, "I sensed the Pittsylvania PE teachers were a 'special' group at the training we did there last August. They were totally engaged and enthusiastic. We left one set of equipment with them at the training and told them they would need to share that set until we could raise funds to equip the other 17 schools. We needed to raise \$11,000. QCV equipped one additional school, SHEETZ stepped up to buy equipment for another, and an anonymous grant just received has provided equipment for five more schools. With eight schools now equipped, the logistics of sharing are going to be a little easier, but raising the \$6,500 needed to equip the remaining 10 schools is still a priority. After that, we'll focus on

getting equipment for Parks & Recreation, the Boys & Girls Club and community outreach programs led by the tennis teams at Hargrave Military Academy and Chatham Hall. We love connecting all the ‘tennis dots’.”

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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.

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