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QCV Trains Henry County and Martinsville

Charlottesville, Virginia (6/2/2016) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](#)) is pleased to report it recently conducted training for Henry County and City of Martinsville Public Schools at Magna Vista High School in Ridgeway. PE teachers from all 16 Henry and Martinsville elementary and middle schools were trained. The 16 schools have almost 7,000 students. Also trained were representatives from Henry County Parks & Recreation, Martinsville City Parks & Recreation, the Coalition for Health & Wellness, Carlisle School and Stratford Tennis Club in Danville. Sandy Strayer, Assistant Superintendent for Henry County, who arranged the training, Sarah Byrd, Director of Communications and Outreach for Martinsville, and April Haynes, Director of the Martinsville Area Community Foundation observed the “on-court” FUN.



After the training session, QCV presented QuickStart Tennis equipment packages (36 racquets, six dozen balls, two portable nets and a USTA Curriculum Kit) to Jacob Mitchell, PE teacher at Albert Harris Elementary School in Martinsville, and Elly Stone, PE teacher at John-Redd Smith Elementary in Henry County. The 14 remaining Henry/Martinsville schools will need to be equipped for the new school year. Schools can share until they all are equipped, but equipment at each school is QCV’s goal.

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, “What a wonderful turnout we had – 100 percent participation by the PE teachers even though school was no longer in session. The training, originally scheduled for March, had to be delayed because of snow-makeup days, and yet we had all elementary and middle school PE teachers from both school systems and terrific community participation! Bringing together all the folks who can really help get tennis going is crucial. We did that with this training. As a bonus,

we had Rusty Lovell, a Martinsville native, Radford graduate and the new tennis professional at Stratford Tennis Club, come over from Danville. Rusty recently moved back to the area from California and brings so much energy and experience. Many thanks to Sandy and Sarah for coordinating the combined training and working through the scheduling challenges.”

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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