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## Jump Start QuickStart Receives Grant from Harvest Youth Board

**Charlottesville, Virginia** (11/02/2016) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report a grant has been received from the Youth Board of the Harvest Foundation in Martinsville for Jump Start QuickStart Tennis in Martinsville and Henry County. Rusty Lovell, USPTA and Tennis Professional at the Stratford Tennis Club in nearby Danville (pictured in center below) accepted the check on behalf of QCV. The Harvest Youth Board, established last year, is composed of 13 high school students from area schools to focus on youth-related issues. The Board can award grants and creates initiatives and projects to enhance youth development.



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Maxwell Pinkston, Youth Board Chair says, "The Harvest Youth Board is dedicated to creating opportunities for the youth of Martinsville-Henry County through health, education and community initiatives. We are very excited to stand behind QuickStart, a program that fits our mission well as they provide opportunities for the youth of our community. Through QuickStart, young children learn to become active at a young age which is something the Board is passionate about."

Lovell adds, "This a particularly exciting step in the growth of tennis in our community. Exposing children at a young age to this great sport is key to have a thriving tennis program in this area. The Harvest Foundation and QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia are taking strong steps to make that possible. I very much look forward to working with schools and other organizations in bringing such a fun tennis format to their kids."

“We are so grateful for the support of the Harvest Youth Board and all the support we have received in the Martinsville and Henry County communities,” says QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill. “Developing relationships and local partnerships is key to growing tennis in underserved areas. These funds will be used to equip five public schools in Henry County and the Carlisle School in Axton. The public schools in Martinsville have already been equipped. We will need to equip five more schools in the County as soon as we can. We’ve made great progress since we trained them in June.”

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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 191 schools with 89,000 kids, 13 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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