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Collins Wealth Management Founding Sponsor for Southside Tennis

Charlottesville, Virginia (2/6/2017) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report Danville native John Collins of Collins Wealth Management in Goldsboro, NC is the initial Founding Sponsor of the new Southside Area Tennis Association (SATA). SATA is an all-volunteer Community Tennis Association being created to promote, develop and grow tennis in the cities of Danville and Martinsville and Pittsylvania, Henry and Patrick counties and build the tennis pathway started by QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia in August 2015. SATA will provide and support tennis programming for both youth and adults, engage in community outreach and build a public tennis tradition for the communities in its service area.



John Collins came to tennis at age 26. He says he was a 5'6" basketball player in need of a new sport. He had good footwork, quick reflexes and good hand-eye coordination that readily transferred to tennis. He joined Stratford Tennis Club at 29 and had a wonderful group of mentors – Bob Cage, Ben Kendall and Frank Meade to name a few. His professional life took him to North Carolina and he took his love for tennis with him. He has ranked as high as #1 in North Carolina and #2 in the Southern Section in Men's Singles 55 and over. His passion for the sport is contagious. He knows firsthand what a positive impact tennis can have. He wants to make sure kids in his hometown have the same kind of opportunity he had to discover the "sport for a lifetime." He said even though he cannot be there in person to help, he can still provide support, and he hopes others who live in Danville will do the same.

Lynda Harrill, QCV QuickStart Coordinator, says, "We are so appreciative of John's generosity and support for tennis in southside Virginia and his passion for our sport. He is all-in for tennis. His stepping up to help SATA get started will make things go more quickly and allow SATA to have an immediate impact. We will get the word out as SATA starts making plans for programs and events. It's a very exciting time for tennis in southside Virginia!"

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 204 schools with 94,000 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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