

2016
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



**"WITH YOUR HELP, WE
ARE HELPING TO CREATE
THOUGHTFUL, DISCIPLINED,
WELL-ROUNDED YOUTH WITH
SKILLS TO SUCCEED ON THE
COURT AND IN LIFE."**

James Blake, USTA Foundation Chairman



MISSION

The mission of the USTA Foundation Incorporated (USTAF) is to bring tennis and education together to change and enhance lives. The USTAF uses the sport of tennis as a vehicle to help under-resourced youth and veterans, and individuals with disabilities become more engaged in their schools and communities with the goal of succeeding both on and off the court.



ABOUT

USTA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization incorporated in 1994 as the philanthropic entity of the United States Tennis Association.

USTAF offers support to more than 225,000 children ages 5-18 who participate in the USTA Foundation's flagship National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) program which delivers year-round tennis instruction and a widely acclaimed academic curriculum with the goal of positively impacting lives from childhood to adulthood.

USTAF also provides financial assistance and programs for veterans and individuals with disabilities.

USTAF supplies technical services to programs to maximize efficiencies and to build capacity through best practices.

The USTAF awards tennis and academic scholarships to high school seniors in each of the 17 sections of the USTA.



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TEAM "US"

Dear Friends,

It's all about "us" serving up dreams at the "US"TA Foundation!

"Us" includes you –our friends and supporters, volunteers and staff, who together serve up dreams for underserved youth, military veterans, and individuals with special needs.

Without the commitment of so many talented individuals and role models, we would not be able to offer year-round services nationwide to more than 225,000 youth and adults.

For "us,"—teachers, coaches, donors, sponsors, and parents, there is great pride in knowing that lives are being changed for the better every day through the important life skills developed through our USTA Foundation programs.

In 2016, we presented the first USTA Foundation National Service Award to Carol Kimmelman, who supported the Foundation in so many ways, including bringing the second USTA Foundation West Coast Pro-Am to San Diego, which was a resounding success in November.

We want to thank "us" – for producing outstanding results for the USTA Foundation in 2016 and look forward to exceeding all "our" collective expectations in 2017.

Please enjoy this annual report and take a moment to appreciate all that "us" accomplished last year.

Sincerely,



James Blake
Chairman



Thomas S. Chen
President



Daniel J. Faber
Executive Director





PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

USTAF provides tools and resources to facilitate the growth and development of tennis and educational programs, military and adaptive tennis programs, and to assist individuals with disabilities.

USTAF's goal is to build capacity across all its programs to ensure that invaluable tennis, educational, and life skills will be offered to a growing population.

Since its inception, USTAF has awarded more than \$25 million in grants and scholarships.

USTAF makes tennis services available to children and adults through the USTA, including coaches' training, and furnishes the Academic Creative Engagement (A.C.E.) Curriculum along with Life Skills Training to NJTL programs which offer homework assistance, tutoring, character development, and health and nutrition classes.

USTAF is committed to supporting talented youth who demonstrate potential on, and off the court. Each year USTAF offers college scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 - \$15,000, to deserving high school seniors.

USTAF has created the Excellence Teams program and sponsors select NJTL chapters with promising athletes to support and encourage those children to reach their full potential as players, either on the professional circuit or by playing varsity tennis in college and earning scholarships.

In July, 11 NJTL Excellence Teams, comprised of three boys and three girls -- all 10 years of age or younger, competed in tennis and educational activities with the goal of winning the 2016 Excellence Teams Cup, which calculated team results based on on-court competition in serving accuracy and singles and doubles match results, and scored off-court activities including a spelling bee, a quiz on Washington, D.C. monuments that were visited, and sportsmanship.

The NJTL network is comprised of 350 independent nonprofits subscribing to the mission of serving under-resourced youth using tennis as the vehicle.

Through organizational assessments, USTAF has identified 29 NJTL chapters for inclusion in a three-year Capacity Building program which started in 2014. Through the Capacity Building program, USTAF provides direct oversight for these chapters in areas ranging from Board development and fundraising, to accounting, finance, and operations.

As a direct result of the Capacity Building program, 76% of the NJTL chapters were able to increase their budgets, and five chapters earned four-star status, which is the highest operational rating given following national assessment standards ranging from one to four stars. There are 22 NJTL chapters which have achieved a four-star rating.

Three NJTL chapters achieved notably outstanding results by participating in the Capacity Building program:

- The Gainesville Area Community Tennis Association increased its annual operating budget from \$30,000 to \$220,000
- Down The Line and Beyond in Philadelphia grew its operating budget from \$32,000 to \$450,000
- Portland Tennis & Education program reached \$750,000 in budgeted revenues from \$445,000 prior to the implementation of the Capacity Building effort.

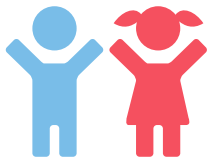


NJTL DEMOGRAPHICS

The USTAF's NJTL network is a consortium of tennis and education programs focused on improving health, building character, teaching tennis and life skills and encouraging under-resourced students to strive for academic excellence.

Visionaries Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell, and Sheridan Snyder founded NJTL in 1969 to provide tennis and educational services to America's youth without regard to race, gender or income.

Current NJTL demographics include:



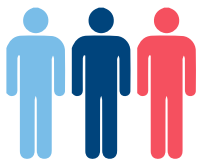
50/50 gender split

5-18

**Serving youth
5-18 years old**



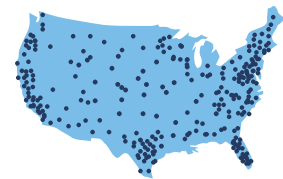
**\$27,000 average
household income**



**70% diverse populations
represented**



**2000 coaches
oversee programs**



**350 chapters
nationwide**



EXCELLENCE ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM



NYJTL Wins Excellence Teams Cup

New York Junior Tennis & Learning (NYJTL), founded in 1971 and now the largest NJTL chapter serving more than 75,000 youth throughout Manhattan's five boroughs, was rewarded for its "team effort" on - and off the tennis court earning the highest overall score to take home the second annual USTA Foundation Excellence Teams Cup held July 28-31 at JTCC in College Park, MD.

NYJTL's team had been practicing and studying year-round in the organization's new \$26.5 million flagship home which opened in June, 2015, located in the South Bronx, the facility has 20 outdoor courts (10 covered during the winter months) at the Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning. The project was the result of a unique public-private partnership between NYJTL and the New York City Department of Parks to build a community center and tennis facility in one of the poorest congressional districts in the nation.

NJTL ESSAY CONTEST

The NJTL Essay Contest is a widely acclaimed educational tool. NJTL participants are asked to write essays answering a thought-provoking question requiring research and analysis.

The 2016 NJTL Essay Contest focused on character development with Hall of Famer Althea Gibson, who was the first black athlete to win a Grand Slam tournament in 1956 during a time of racial prejudice and tension, serving as the example. Based on Gibson's ability to show unwavering strength and courage in the face of adversity, which enabled her to become a trailblazer, the question was asked:

How have your skills in tennis impacted the development of your character and how you address your personal challenges on, and off the court?

From 2,800 entries in five age groups, 170 regional winners were chosen with 10 national winners (one boy and one girl from each age group) receiving an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to participate in Arthur Ashe Kids' Day at the US Open and to accept their awards at the NJTL Essay Awards Luncheon held at the Yale Club.



SALUTING VETERANS

Military Day at the US Open

Service members, veterans, and their families shared center stage with the best tennis players in the world and were recognized at the fifth annual Military Appreciation Day on Labor Day at the US Open.

The Honorable Robert A. McDonald, United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs attended the US Open's Military Appreciation Day event and took part in three ceremonial coin tosses on court in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

McDonald was joined by two military children from the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), three veterans from the Semper Fi Fund, and a veteran from the Northport V.A. Medical Center.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

2016 Scholarship Winners

USTAF awards more than \$400,000 in new college scholarships annually to high-achieving student-athletes. These awards represent a total commitment each year of USTAF funding in excess of \$1,500,000 in scholarship assistance for 160 students at four-year colleges.

In 2016, USTAF awarded \$408,000 in scholarship assistance to 49 students from each of the 17 USTA Sections. Thirty-eight students received total awards of \$10,000, paid out at \$2,500 per year, and two students, one boy and one girl, each received one-time grants of \$2,500 from the Eve Kraft Scholarship fund.



The Marian Wood Baird Scholarship is the largest award payable over four years in the amount of \$3,750 annually for a total scholarship of \$15,000.

All scholarships are based on financial need. Students are required to submit applications and an essay presenting their overall academic performance, extracurricular activities, tennis participation, and volunteer and community service.

Marian Wood Baird College Scholarship - \$15,000

Lauren C., WI

Dwight Mosley Scholarship - \$10,000

Julia K. MD Mario A. NV

Rosalind P. Walter College Scholarship - \$10,000

Halle B. TX Rontrelle B. GA

Dwight F. Davis Memorial College Scholarship - \$10,000

Swetha T. NY Jinjie L. TX

Professional Tennis Management Scholarship - \$10,000

Alexandra A. FL Allison H. IN

USTAF College Scholarship - \$10,000

Amanda A.	AZ	Max H.	AR	Morgan M.	UT	Sean T.	CA
Jean A.	PR	Hynn Soo J.	FL	Cyd M.	PR	Bailey T.	CO
Joseph B.	VA	Tiffany K.	VA	Rachel M.	CA	Joshua V.	PA
Ryan C.	CA	Dylan K.	OR	Courtney O.	NY	Christina W.	VA
Denise D.	NY	James K.	MD	Julia P.	WI	Sarra Y.	NV
Chloe H.	MN	Justina L.	WA	Lenea R.	PA	Kaelyn Z.	RI
Gwenna H.	IL	Elizabeth L.	GA	Meg S.	MN		
Jocelynn H.	MO	Davin L.	HI	Mikayla S.	TX		

Eve Kraft Scholarship - \$2,500

Jasmine K.	GA	Grant P.	KY
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College Textbook Scholarship - \$1,000

Anthony C.	OR	Sara H.	AR	Jasmine R.	AL	Alyssa W.	MO
Andre C.	MD	Monica L.	TX	Gabrielle S.	PA	Hanna Z.	WI



GRANTS

Serving a wide range of needs, including adaptive and military tennis programs, USTAF made 109 grants in 2016 to youth and adult organizations.



Organization

2 Bounce Tennis
 ACEing Autism, LLC
 Adaptive Athletics at the University of Houston
 Andre Agassi Foundation
 A's & Aces, Inc.
 Asociacion de Tenis de Puerto Rico
 Asociacion de Tenis del UPRA
 Associated Recreation Council
 Atlanta Youth Tennis & Education Foundation
 Birmingham Area Tennis Association, Inc.
 Border Youth Tennis Exchange
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Virginia
 Britton Christian Church
 Buddy Up Tennis, Inc.
 Capital Region Youth Tennis Foundation-15 Love, Inc.
 Collective Impact
 Courier's Kids
 Dallas Tennis Association
 Danbury Grassroots Tennis & Enrichment Program

City

La Quinta
 West Hollywood
 Houston
 Las Vegas
 New Orleans
 San Juan
 Arecibo
 Seattle
 Atlanta
 Birmingham
 Tubac
 Charlottesville
 Oklahoma City
 New Albany
 Albany
 San Francisco
 Los Angeles
 Addison
 Danbury

State

CA
 CA
 TX
 NV
 LA
 PR
 PR
 WA
 GA
 AL
 AZ
 VA
 OK
 OH
 NY
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 CT



Detroit Police Athletic League Incorporated
 District 50 Education Foundation
 Down The Line And Beyond Foundation
 East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring
 Family Biz Builder
 First Break Academy
 First Serve Bridgeport
 First Serve New Mexico
 First Serve OKC Foundation
 First Serve Palm Beach
 Folded Flag Foundation
 Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center
 Gainesville Area Community Tennis Association, Inc.
 Genesis School Inc.
 Greater Naples Young Men's Christian Association, Inc.
 Greater Pottstown Tennis & Learning Association
 Green Spring Tennis & Educational Foundation, Inc.
 Greensboro Tennis Foundation Inc
 Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program
 Hebni Nutrition Consultants, Inc.
 Houston Tennis Association, Inc.
 I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County
 Injured Marine Semper Fi
 InnerCity Tennis Foundation
 Jewish Council For Youth Services
 Junior Tennis Champions Center
 Kids Play Tennis Community Outreach Program
 King Street Center, Inc.
 Lakes Region Tennis Association
 Lancaster Tennis Patrons Association
 Lee County Community Tennis Association
 Legacy Youth Tennis and Education
 Lowcountry Youth Tennis Association
 MACH Academy, Inc.
 MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation
 Marty Hennessy Inspiring Children Foundation
 Metropolitan Tennis & Education
 Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation
 Moyock Womens Club - Outer Banks Tennis Association
 National Junior Tennis & Learning Of Trenton
 New Haven Youth Tennis and Education, Inc.
 New York Junior Tennis & Learning
 North Carolina Tennis Foundation
 Norwalk Grassroots Tennis
 Orthotic and Prosthetic Activities Foundation

Detroit	MI
Franktown	CO
Villanova	PA
Palo Alto	CA
Tunica	MS
Carson	CA
Hamden	CT
Santa Fe	NM
Oklahoma City	OK
West Palm Beach	FL
Jacksonville	FL
St Paul	MN
Gainesville	FL
Kansas City	MO
Naples	FL
Pottstown	PA
Lutherville	MD
Greensboro	NC
New York	NY
Orlando	FL
Houston	TX
Boulder	CO
Camp Pendleton	CA
Minneapolis	MN
Chicago	IL
College Park	MD
Bethlehem	PA
Burlington	VT
Gilmanton	NH
Lancaster	PA
Ft. Myers	FL
Philadelphia	PA
Daniel Island	SC
Martinez	GA
Jacksonville	FL
Las Vegas	NV
Laurel	MD
Milwaukee	WI
Kitty Hawk	NC
Trenton	NJ
New Haven	CT
Woodside	NY
Greensboro	NC
Norwalk	CT
Charlotte	NC

Population Services Incorporated	Washington	DC
Portland After-School Tennis & Education	Portland	OR
Prince George's Tennis & Education Foundation	Upper Marlboro	MD
Prospect Park Alliance	Brooklyn	NY
Reading Recreation Commission	Reading	PA
Richmond Community Tennis Association, Inc.	Richmond	CA
Rockingham County Tennis Association	Madison	NC
Rodney Street Tennis & Tutoring Association	Wilmington	DE
San Antonio Tennis Association	San Antonio	TX
San Diego District Tennis Association	San Diego	CA
Sandy Springs Tennis Association	Sandy Springs	GA
Sloane Stephens Foundation	Ft. Lauderdale	FL
South Atlanta Community Tennis Association	College Park	GA
South Coast Wheelchair Association	Attleboro	MA
Southern California Tennis Association Foundation/LA84	Los Angeles	CA
Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center	Dorchester	MA
St. Paul Urban Tennis Program	Saint Paul	MN
Stamford Youth Tennis Academy	Stamford	CT
Team Junior Tennis, Inc.	Bradenton	FL
Tenacity, Inc.	Boston	MA
Tennis & Education, Inc.	Saint Paul	MN
Tennis and Tutoring Program	Sandy	UT
Tennis Center at Sandpoint	Seattle	WA
Tennis for Charity	Cincinnati	OH
Tennis Memphis, Inc.	Memphis	TN
Tennis Opportunity Program	Chicago	IL
Tennis Success, Inc.	Corpus Christi	TX
Texas Tennis & Education	Austin	TX
ThanksUSA, Tennis Thanks the Troops	McLean	VA
The ACE Project - Baltimore	Baltimore	MD
The ACE Project - Chicago	Clarendon Hills	IL
The James Blake Foundation	Cleveland	OH
University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	AL
Urban Minority Alcoholism & Drug Outreach Program/Tennis Aces	Dayton	OH
USTA Player Development	White Plains	NY
Utah Tennis Foundation	Salt Lake City	UT
Washington Tennis & Education Foundation	Washington	DC
West Coast Wheelchair Tennis Association	North Hollywood	CA
Western Youth Network	Boone	NC
Wheel It Forward	Gladstone	MO
Wheelchair Sports, Inc.	Wichita	KS
Winston-Salem Young Tennis Folks	Winston-Salem	NC
Youth At Heart, Inc.	Tulsa	OK
Youth Tennis Advantage	San Francisco	CA
Youth Tennis San Diego	San Diego	CA



FUN DAYS

#ReturnTheServe Fun Days

For the third year, in partnership with USTAF, US Open sponsor Chase awarded 10 NJTL chapters grants of \$10,000 each to support year-round tennis programming and to engage youth in the USTAF's A.C.E. educational curriculum (Academic Creative Engagement).

On July 15, 10 NJTL chapters hosted #ReturnTheServe Fun Days with tennis-related activities for more than 1,500 children nationwide:

A's and Aces
New Orleans, LA

The ACE Project
Riverdale, IL

Dallas Tennis Association
Addison, TX

Houston Tennis Association
Houston, TX

LA 84 Southern California Tennis Association NJTL
Los Angeles, CA

MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation
Jacksonville, FL

Metropolitan Tennis & Education Group
Upper Marlboro, MD

New York Junior Tennis & Learning
Woodside, NY

Portland After-School Tennis & Education
Portland, OR

Youth Tennis Advantage
San Francisco , CA

Chase spread the word about the important impact of NJTL programs through social media channels utilizing #ReturnTheServe.



Stamford Family Fun Day

Hall of Fame coach Nick Bollettieri addressed more than 150 kids and families with a motivational message at the first Stamford Family Fun Day hosted by USTAF in partnership with the Stamford Youth Tennis Academy and Synchrony Financial in Stamford, CT.

On and off-court activities including tennis and fitness stations, music and Zumba dancing on a basketball court created a fun and dynamic atmosphere for the participants and special guests, including Stamford Mayor David Martin, local police and fire department officials, media, and Synchrony Financial employee volunteers.



FUNDRAISING

USTAF engaged with philanthropic-minded partners throughout 2016 emphasizing the importance of serving under-resourced populations, resulting in \$1.4 million in net revenues through fundraising events.

World Tennis Day

USTAF was designated for the third year as the Official Charity of the BNP Paribas Showdown, a one-night tennis extravaganza held annually at Madison Square Garden in New York City. In conjunction with the event, USTAF held a successful fundraiser including a clinic with donors and players and a reception which showcased stars Serena Williams, Caroline Wozniacki, Stan Wawrinka, and Gael Monfils posing for “performance” artist David Garibaldi.

Through the collaboration with promoter Stargames, USTAF raised \$160,000.



Jimmy Evert Merit Scholarship

Following the August, 2015, passing of legendary tennis coach Jimmy Evert, father of Hall-of-Famer Chris Evert, the Evert family established the Jimmy Evert Merit Scholarship in partnership with USTAF.

"Dad's Court 10 at Holiday Park in Fort Lauderdale was a place where he instilled character and taught life lessons through the language of tennis. Thanks to the Jimmy Evert Merit Scholarship program, we believe our father's legacy now has a chance to live on because every dollar that goes into this program will be utilized to accomplish what Jimmy Evert achieved with his students every day on Court 10."

– Drew, Chris, Jeanne, John, and Clare



The Jimmy Evert Merit Scholarship supports after-school academic tutoring, college counseling and advanced tennis training through clinics, private lessons and camps for NJTL participants with a focus on Excellence Teams players ages 8-14, nationwide.

In addition, USTAF awards Jimmy Evert Merit Scholarships to participants in USTA Player Development programs. Together, USTA Player Development representatives and the Evert family select the scholarship winners.

"For all of the recipients, the Jimmy Evert Merit Scholarships represent an opportunity to become Champions in Life, creating the same positive impact that Jimmy Evert had on each of his students," said USTAF Executive Director Dan Faber.



CONNECTICUT PRO-AM & WEST COAST PRO-AM

Connecticut Pro-Am and Gala presented by **synchrony** FINANCIAL

For the second year, USTAF partnered with the Connecticut Alliance for Tennis and Education to co-host the 6th Annual Connecticut Pro-Am and Gala on August 25-26 at the Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT, raising nearly \$200,000 for five NJTL chapters in Connecticut based in Bridgeport, Danbury, New Haven, Norwalk, and Stamford.

The activities kicked off on Thursday with a competitive junior clinic, led by the USTA's top national coaches, followed by an evening gala hosted by Honorary Chair and Hall-of-Fame coach Nick Bollettieri. The live appeal and auction raised more than \$60,000.

On Friday, the Pro-Am brought together tennis icons, enthusiasts, celebrities and rising stars. Synchrony Financial, based in Stamford, CT, returned as the presenting sponsor for the second year.

The Pro-Am included a doubles round robin, pairing generous donors with teenage sensations Frances Tiafoe, Taylor Fritz, Sachia Vickery, Tommy Paul, Stephen Kozlov, and Kayla Day, and former pros and current USTA coaches Tom Gullikson, David Nainkin, and USTA General Manager Player Development Martin Blackman, among other stars.

West Coast Pro-Am

The 2016 West Coast Pro-Am was a smashing success with supporters joining an all-star lineup of tennis pros, legends of the game, and celebrities to raise more than \$150,000 in support of the USTA Foundation and its mission to serve up dreams for those in need.

The event was hosted by USTA Foundation chairman and former world No. 4 James Blake and was held at the Del Mar Country Club in Rancho Santa Fe, CA, on November 6.

In addition to Blake, other participants included current ATP and WTA stars Taylor Fritz, Steve Johnson, Bradley Klahn, Bethanie Mattek-Sands, Christina McHale, Sam Querrey, CoCo Vandeweghe and Sloane Stephens; former touring pros Mark Philippoussis, Pam Shriver and Jeff Tarango; tennis coaching legends Nick Bollettieri and Tom Gullikson; actor Alan Thicke; and celebrity fitness trainer Shaun T.

In addition to the Pro-Am, the day's schedule featured a private hitting session with the pros, a youth clinic with Bollettieri and Gullikson, a Pro-Am, and a reception and dinner to close the festivities.

The highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation of the first USTAF National Service Award to Carol Kimmelman, an indefatigable USTAF Board member who was recognized for her extraordinary commitment to the goals of the Foundation. Sadly, exactly two months later on January 6, 2017, Kimmelman passed away peacefully following a long battle with cancer.



Carol Richardson Kimmelman





OPENING NIGHT GALA & PRO-AM AT THE US OPEN

Opening Night Gala presented by **ESPN**

The USTAF's Opening Night Gala at the US Open has provided a glamorous start to the event for 16 years. In 2016, the star-studded event was a phenomenal success raising more than \$1.1 million.

Emmy Award winners Alec Baldwin and Debra Messing were enthusiastic co-hosts joined by emcee, popular broadcaster Bill Macatee.

Making a major donation to the Foundation in the amount of \$150,000 ESPN, the exclusive domestic broadcaster of the US Open, was the presenting sponsor for the Opening Night Gala for the second year.

"I am honored to help host this highly successful fundraising event once again," said Baldwin, who chairs the USTAF Celebrity Council. "As the kick off to one of the most spectacular sporting events, where champions shine, the Opening Night Gala's purpose is to impact under-resourced youth so they can thrive and become future champions, whether it be in the classroom, boardroom or center court."

The sellout crowd of 200 filling the President's Suite were treated to a private solo performance by Jewel prior to the on-court ceremony featuring Phil Collins.

Among the luminaries on hand were Vera Wang, Anna Wintour, Mike Tyson, and Martina Navratilova, who warmly welcomed the evening's honoree, financier and philanthropist John Paulson, who was presented the 2016 USTAF Serving Up Dreams award.



Pro-Am at the US Open

There is a saying that “it is better to give than to receive,” and the Pro-Am at the US Open participants, many of whom return to compete year after year, certainly live up to that saying.

The Pro-Am at the US Open offers players an experience identical to the competitors in the main draw of the US Open—except for the prize money! Indeed, quite the opposite is true.

While competing with and against former world No. 1 stars, Grand Slam tournament winners, and current coaches and commentators, generous USTAF donors contributed \$320,000 in 2016 to support under-resourced youth and adults.

Sixteen amateurs exchanged serves and volleys with Tracy Austin, USTA Player Development General Manager Martin Blackman, USTAF Chairman James Blake, Pat Cash, Michael Chang, Lindsay Davenport, Taylor Dent, Gigi Fernandez, Mary Joe Fernandez, Paul Goldstein, Rick Leach, Henri Leconte, Iva Majoli, Patrick McEnroe, Martina Navratilova, Mark Philippoussis, Dinara Safina, and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

Taking home the winners’ trophies in the two flights were “rookie” Rob Pohly, of New York City, and “veteran” Peter Brual, of Atlanta, GA.

Following a morning of spirited competition, the Pro-Am is followed by lunch and an afternoon watching the mixed doubles final and men’s semifinals in a luxury suite.

“This is a win-win for everyone,” said Chairman Blake. “The level of competition is serious, but fun, and, speaking for myself, the experience is both challenging and rewarding.”





Judy Levering Leadership Initiative (JLLI)

Judy Levering has been making a difference in thousands of lives as one of the most influential USTA volunteer leaders. The first woman to serve as USTA President, Judy was instrumental in establishing the USTA Foundation in 1994 and also founded the NJTL of Lancaster, PA, among her many achievements.

In recognition of her dedication to helping others, the Judy Levering Leadership Initiative (JLLI) was created by USTAF to develop the local grassroots leadership needed to help NJTL chapters become sustainable youth programs in their communities.

Since the JLLI was created in 2010, more than \$400,000 has been directed by USTAF towards funding leadership training in connection with its national capacity building program.

Paver Program

Since 2005, USTAF has been “paving” the way to secure funding for the future through the Avenue of Aces® Brick and Paver program, which raised nearly \$60,000 in 2016.

The Avenue of Aces® is the Foundation’s most visible donor-sponsored program at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, home of the US Open.

The Avenue of Aces® is a collection of personalized bricks and pavers that form the walkway from the East Gate Plaza entrance to Arthur Ashe Stadium.

In 2010, “neighborhoods” were introduced on the Avenue of Aces®. Starting with legendary champion Billie Jean King, eight additional US Open Champion neighborhoods were developed recognizing Andre Agassi, Chris Evert, Stefanie Graf, Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe, Martina Navratilova, Pete Sampras and Randy Snow, US Open Wheelchair champion. Donors’ names surround their favorite champion and hold a permanent place at the US Open.



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\$500,000-\$1,000,000+

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Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.

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\$50,000-\$99,999

The Ambrose Monell Foundation

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The Sequoia Foundation

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Synchrony Financial

Sean Wolfington

\$25,000-\$49,999

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Gordon & Julia Levering

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National Recreation Foundation

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Brian & Patricia Reynolds

Denise Rich

Pablo J. Salame

Samlyn Capital, LLC

The Mara and Ricky Sandler Foundation

Ricky Sandler

Zachary J. Schreiber

Alan & Roslyn Schwartz

Peter Shapiro

Gordon & Jane Smith

South Carolina Tennis Association, Inc.

Sy & Laurie Sternberg

Marcia B. Swetman

J L Taylor Family Foundation

The Trust Company

Mike & Kiki Tyson

Bonnie Vandegrift

Elizabeth Weatherman

Joshua Weintraub

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation

Edgar & Peggy Woolard





\$5,000-\$9,999

Alan M. Aaron
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Jeffrey Beacher
Zachary K. Bishop
Nicholas & Brooke Bohnsack
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ALUMNUS PROFILE

Every year USTAF selects 40-50 high school seniors who are NJTL participants to receive college scholarships -- all of whom have worked hard on the court and in the classroom to earn these prestigious awards. William Elmore, known as "Will," who is now a senior at Villanova University playing varsity tennis on the men's team, is one of them

Every now and then one hears about everyday heroes doing extraordinary things in difficult circumstances. This is a narrative of the Elmore family and how it faced the challenges of the recession and thrived, with a helping hand from NJTL and tennis.

In 2008, William Elmore Sr. lost a major contract for the small window treatment business he'd owned for 10 years. With a newborn, Aramoana, two older boys, Will and Rua, and a wife, Rata, he took a leap of faith and left everything behind to move across the country from Philadelphia to start anew in Las Vegas, moving there to live with his brother.

But for all the upheaval in the lives of the Elmore family, one thing remained as a point of stability: the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network.

"I didn't want to take my eldest son out of a Vanguard School and away from his tennis program at the Philadelphia NJTL," said Rata Elmore. "When everything was changing in our lives, it was tennis [and] NJTL that was a constant. All a mother wants is for her children to be happy – and tennis kept my boys happy."

Prior to the move, Will's coach from the Philadelphia NJTL called Ryan Wolfington, founder of the Marty Hennessy Junior Tennis Foundation, an NJTL program in Las Vegas, and asked if the Las Vegas program could make space in its Team Bryan Excellence Program for Will and Rua.



WILL ELMORE

The Elmores were on the court the day after they arrived.

"Mr. Elmore came down with his boys daily and volunteered to help all the time," said Wolfington. "Mrs. Elmore was super mom, incredible at volunteering and educating her children."

Will and brother Rua started in tennis and tutoring, earning a spot in the Team Bryan Leadership Program soon after. Two years later, Will was one of two selected to be a junior intern, a top leadership position that helps run the nonprofit foundation with real tasks and projects. In this role, he and three others created a fundraising event that brought in \$130,000 for Marty Hennessy Junior Tennis.

"I struggled immensely for a time [after moving from Philadelphia]," Will said. "I felt wrenched away from life. Luckily, my coach in Philadelphia knew of Ryan Wolfington and contacted him about the possibility of me joining his youth tennis and leadership foundation. Ryan graciously obliged, and I was brought into the group as seamlessly as I could have possibly dreamed."

"It was a windfall, finding such a cohesive group of like-minded individuals, all striving for greatness and growing from their collective successes," recounted Will.

Buoyed by his successes on – and off the court – Will posted a 3.54 high school GPA – Will was recruited and gained admission to the Villanova University Business School, which he is attending thanks in part to a scholarship from the USTA Foundation.

And as Will noted, his family is thriving as well, with a tip of the cap to NJTL.

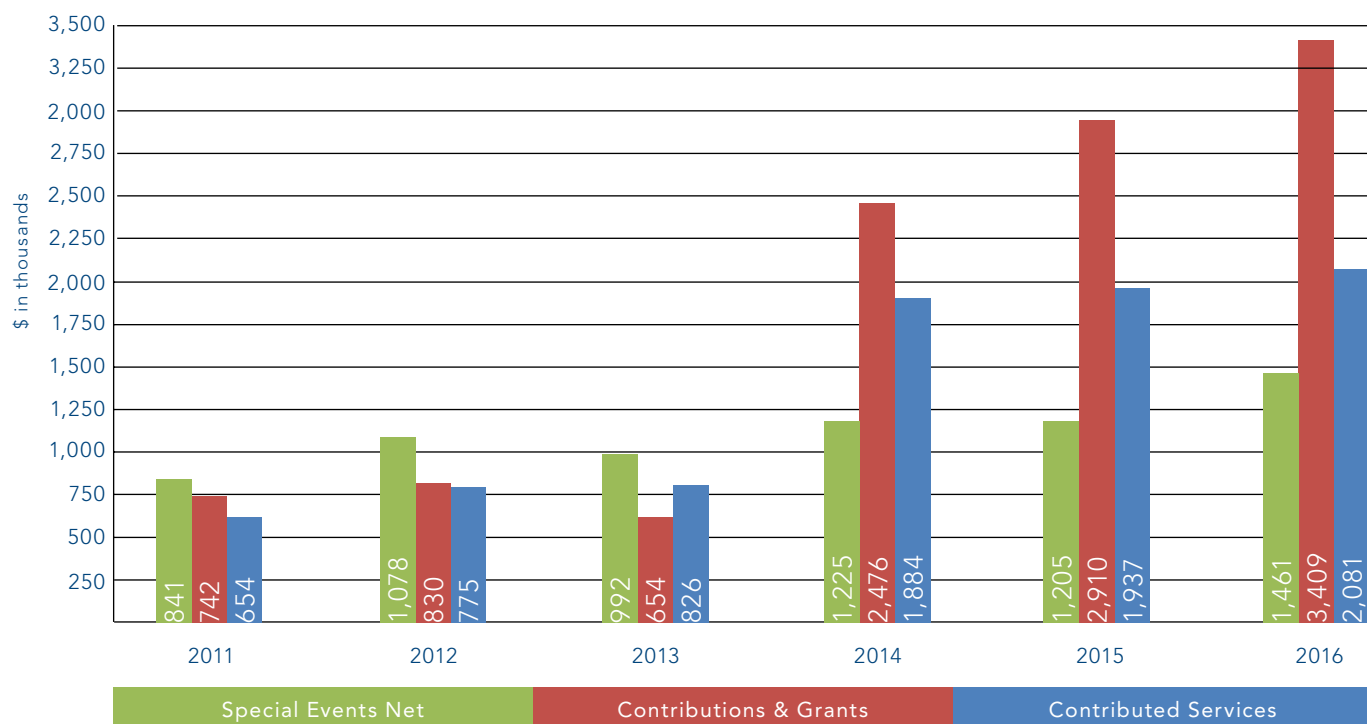
"Because of William Elmore Sr.'s passion for tennis, the NJTL hired and trained him to be a coach" said Wolfington. "He is one of the best coaches we have ever had. He now runs a program, and his wife is an active humanitarian. The Elmores have inspired and helped us more than anything we did for them."

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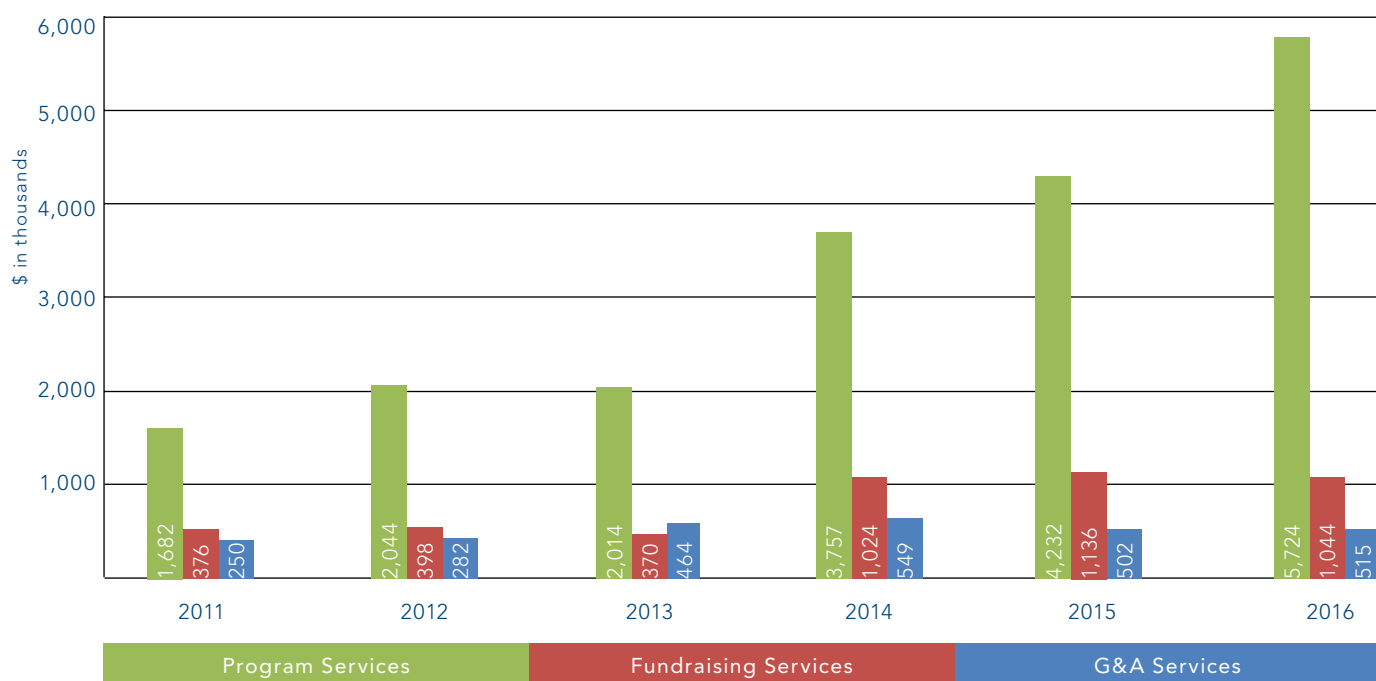


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