

From Patrick McEnroe



Thirty-seven states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico—that's how far the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation has now reached in providing grants to programs that support our mission of "building lives through tennis and education."

At year-end 2006, the Foundation awarded grants to 34 programs, bringing the total number for the year to an incredible 111.

There is no shortage of good, worthwhile programs out there, and each grant cycle, more and more of them send their proposals to us for consideration. We'd like to be able to help all programs, but sometimes there just isn't enough money to go around and we're faced with making tough decisions in the review process.

That's where you come in.

I need you to support the work of the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation with a direct donation in the envelope provided in this newsletter or through the purchase of a paver on our *Avenue of Aces*, located at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, home of the US Open.

In my mind, the *Avenue of Aces* is prime New York real estate, the proceeds from which benefit a great charity. Think about it: your name, your family, your doubles partner, your team, your coach forever linked to the sport we love at the site of the greatest tennis event in the world. Whatever the occasion—a birthday, an anniversary, a wedding, a bar mitzvah, a graduation—how terrific would it be to tell someone that you've donated a spot on the *Avenue* in their honor?

Personally, my brother John and I donated a paver in the Founder's Court in honor of our family. Other residents on the *Avenue* are Pam Shriver, Zina Garrison, Martina Navratilova and Butch Buchholz—and the list continues to grow!

To quote Mister Rogers, "Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Please, won't you be my neighbor?" on the *Avenue* and join me in supporting the work of the Foundation. For more information, please contact the Foundation at (914) 696-7223 or foundation@usta.com. Pavers ordered by May 31 will be in place (ready for you to show off to your family and friends) at this year's US Open.

I look forward to meeting you this summer at the Open on the *Avenue of Aces*. Thanks very much for your generous support.



Patrick McEnroe

Partnership Announced with Ford Foundation

In conjunction with USTA Outreach and NJTL (National Junior Tennis League), the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation is pleased to announce that a \$400,000 grant has been awarded by The Ford Foundation. The grant is to fund a pilot project, *Community Building Through Recreational Facilities Programming*, which will use tennis to bring people together from diverse backgrounds in changing neighborhoods in ways that will enhance education, communication, economic opportunity, and neighborhood stability.

We're Proud of our Funded Programs!

Status reports are coming in from programs that benefited from USTA T&EF and "Aces for Kids" grants, and the outcomes are noteworthy.

Michael D. Harden, President, MACH Academy Aiken, South Carolina & Martinez, Georgia

"As a result of our USTA T&EF grant, we established new partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club of Augusta, Troy University, Richmond County Board of Education, Medical College of Georgia's Grandparents' Program and others to add more children to our tennis program. During the 2006 program year, MACH Academy served more than 1,500 children—an increase of 300 children from 2005."

Lori Canova, MSW, Chief Executive Officer I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County Boulder, Colorado

"We are on target and/or exceeding our 'Aces for Kids' goals. Ninety percent of our 'Dreamers' who were behind in school have been matched with a private, volunteer tutor for one or more sessions per week; 85 percent of the students receiving tutoring also use educational software on the computers to work on areas that need improvement. We are very pleased that now 90 percent of 'Dreamers' have maintained or exceeded a 2.5 GPA."

Andrea Woolley, Executive Director Net Results Junior Tennis, Denver, Colorado

"Here is the difference that the children in our program say Net Results has made. Keesha said, 'I love coming to Net Results because I love playing with my friends, and it teaches me a lot of things that I do not know how to do.'

Da'kurey said, 'My goals for tennis are to achieve a medal and to be in the pros. My goals for school are to get to college and graduate. I really like coming to Net Results because it's fun and it makes me feel safe.'"

Peter Lewis, Executive Director Apple Ridge Farm, Roanoke, Virginia

"Apple Ridge Farm provided quality tennis, education and nutrition information services to 435 children March-September 2006—an increase of 100 students over the previous year. Receiving an 'Aces for Kids' grant gave us the opportunity to write 'The Apple Ridge Farm Tennis Information Booklet.' This 15-page booklet covers tennis rules, the history of tennis, famous African-American tennis players, tennis skills and terms, and a quiz."



Students on court at MACH Academy.



At I Have a Dream Foundation, volunteer Patti helps Jesus write a book report.



The last day of Net Results summer camp.



Assistant tennis coach and high school senior Eliza Elliotte helps a young student at Apple Ridge Farm.



Karen Martin-Eliezer
USTA Tennis & Education
Executive Director

From the Desk of Karen Martin-Eliezer

The USTA, under the leadership of President Jane Brown Grimes, will focus its efforts on schools and advocacy. The initiatives of “Tennis in the Parks” will continue to be supported; all combine to help grow the game and fit well with the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation’s mission. As a former elementary school principal, I recognize firsthand the value of incorporating tennis into a school’s PE program, which leads to the development of after-school tennis/education programs. The influence of Foundation

funding links academics, tennis, healthy lifestyles and responsibility.

Over the last 10 years, business has changed dramatically. Prospects for future employees, the children of today, have also changed. We have gone from an industrial to an information orientation. There is fierce global competition as we rely heavily on the internet and technology. Our children need to be well educated—to be thinking, problem solving individuals—to be employable. How does this apply to the work of the Foundation and tennis? We fund programs that include educational opportunities as well as activities on the tennis court. In addition to what is learned in classrooms, the tennis court has lessons: how to think, how to solve problems, how to learn from your partner, teamwork, communication skills, thinking skills.

The USTA T&EF is not in the business of high performance or player development, but we are in the business of helping to create responsible and productive citizens and promoting tennis as the game of choice. We encourage staying in school, performing at the highest level possible, being physically fit and having fun! As our culture becomes more global and diverse, the negotiation and management of our complex society is a challenge. The Foundation helps programs that develop a sense among students that something good is going on for them. The goal is multifaceted, being both intellectual and social. The Foundation is proud of delivering the message and being advocates for a sport and organization that has so much to offer!

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen Eliezer

Don Tisdell Joins Foundation Board

Donald L. Tisdell was appointed to the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Board as a Director at Large representing the USTA. He is also Secretary/Treasurer on the USTA Board of Directors.



Currently, Mr. Tisdell is Managing Director of Northwest Capital Appreciation, Inc., a private equity firm that he co-founded. Under his direction, NW Capital formed two private equity partnerships that control six diverse companies with aggregate revenues of \$750 million and 1,350 employees. His board experience includes 16 for-profit and 10 not-for-profit boards.

He and his wife, Gerri, live in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

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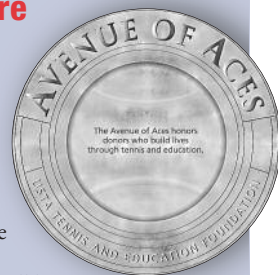
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Avenue of Aces—Donor Recognition List

Help us pave the way for future generations!



The *Avenue of Aces*, the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation’s donor recognition project, is located on the magnificent grounds of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center—home of the US Open. It forms the pathway between the East Gate entrance and the historic Arthur Ashe Stadium.

All proceeds from your *Avenue of Aces* purchase will be donated to the Foundation. This tax-deductible donation will allow us to make great strides toward our mission of “building lives through tennis and education.”

The following donors/pavers are the latest to take their place in tennis history this summer on the *Avenue of Aces*:

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Checks Presented to Programs in Philadelphia Area

At the USTA Middle States Philadelphia Area Tennis District’s Annual Meeting & Awards Brunch, USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Executive Director Karen Martin-Eliezer presented grant checks to two programs—Orthotic & Prosthetic Assistance Fund (OPAF) and Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis, which were funded by the Foundation at year-end 2006.



(Left to right) Darren Kindred, OPAF Director of Tennis; Kitty Perrin, USTA Middle States; Karen Martin-Eliezer, USTA Tennis & Education Foundation; Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director; Marie Seward, Philadelphia Area Tennis District; Malcolm Riley, President, USTA Middle States; and Kyle Devlin, OPAF First Volley™ instructor.

Great Things Planned by Year-End Grant Recipients

At year-end 2006, 34 outstanding nonprofit organizations, including four adaptive tennis programs, were awarded USTA Tennis & Education Foundation grants to support their efforts. This brought the amount of 2006 funding to 111 programs (USTA T&EF, DEUCE and "Aces for Kids" grants combined) to a total of \$1,445,272.

Many of these grant recipients are thinking "outside the box" in terms of what they plan to accomplish with USTA Tennis & Education Foundation funding.

The Atlanta Community Tennis Foundation will provide homework assistance, computer lab, counseling and mentoring, while also teaching children about making healthy lifestyle choices in their diets, as well as drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The program serves 2,500 children.

The Billings Tennis Association is initiating a new Junior Development Program in collaboration with Montana State University-Billings to provide a continuation of their summer and fall parks programs in Eastern Montana and Northern Wyoming. They are working with MSU-Billings to provide the educational component for this program as well as use of the school's indoor tennis courts.

The Fairbanks (Alaska) Tennis Association received Foundation funding for a tennis and education program for 400 school-age children with three primary goals: (1) to provide tennis and educational opportunities to low-income students in Fairbanks through a school-based program, (2) to improve tennis opportunities for Fairbanks children by increasing the number of trained coaches and (3) to provide scholarships for students to enroll in their summer program.

The adaptive tennis program First Volley™, established by the Orthotic and Prosthetic Assistance Fund, was awarded a grant to provide eight clinics across the country at no cost to participants. First Volley™ was designed for amputees, orthosis wearers and those with physical challenges who want to play tennis, but choose not to sit in a wheelchair to do so.

We congratulate all of these fine programs for their efforts in developing outstanding citizens and tennis players for the future.

1. *Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living, Ann Arbor, MI	\$2,752
2. Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis & Education, Philadelphia, PA	\$20,000 matching grant
3. Atlanta Community Tennis Foundation, Inc., Norcross GA	\$25,000
4. Billings Tennis Association, Inc., Billings, MT	\$3,220
5. Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	\$5,000
6. Break the Barriers, Inc., Fresno, CA	\$25,000
7. Community Development Recreation, Fall River, MA	\$20,000
8. Disney GOALS, Anaheim, CA	\$20,000
9. East Palo Alto Tennis & Tutoring, Stanford, CA	\$18,000
10. El Paso Tennis Development Foundation, El Paso, TX	\$15,000 matching grant
11. Fairbanks Tennis Association, Fairbanks, AK	\$18,000
12. First Serve Fort Collins, Fort Collins, CO	\$10,000
13. Hebni Nutrition Consultants, Orlando, FL	\$25,000
14. Latin American Youth Center, Washington, DC	\$20,000
15. Lift for Life, St. Louis, MO	\$10,600
16. MailVai Washington Kids Foundation, Jacksonville, FL	\$20,000 matching grant
17. Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation, Milwaukee, WI	\$15,000 matching grant
18. Mills College Community Tennis Program, Oakland, CA	\$15,000
19. NJTL of Trenton, Pennington, NJ	\$5,000
20. New York Junior Tennis League, Woodside, NY	\$25,000
21. *Orthotic & Prosthetic Assistance Fund, Inc., Langhorne, PA	\$20,000
22. Portland After-School Tennis, Portland, OR	\$10,000 matching grant
23. Rodney Street Tennis & Tutoring Association, Wilmington, DE	\$5,000
24. *Special Olympics Missouri, Jefferson City, MO	\$5,000
25. *Special Olympics New York-Long Island Region, Deer Park, NY	\$5,000
26. St. Petersburg Tennis Center, St. Petersburg, FL	\$18,000
27. Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center, Commack, NY	\$10,000
28. Tenacity, Inc., Boston, MA	\$15,000 matching grant
29. Thai Tennis Organization in America, Fairfax, VA	\$10,000
30. United Neighbors, Inc., Davenport, IA	\$5,000
31. Urban Concepts/Round the Clock Nursery, Inc., New York, NY	\$17,500
32. Washington Tennis & Education Foundation, Washington, DC	\$5,000
33. Youth Tennis Advantage, Oakland, CA	\$12,500
34. YWCA of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, UT	\$5,500

* An Adaptive Tennis program

A Message From Jane Brown Grimes

Chairman of the Board and President of the USTA



Over the next two years, my focus as Chairman of the Board and President of the USTA is on the future—the future of tennis as related to growing the game and expanding it to diverse populations, as well as assuring that the USTA is well positioned for the changing times.

As a board member of the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation for the past year, I have seen firsthand how the Foundation carries out its important mission. In my new role leading the USTA, I anticipate an exciting and productive relationship with the Foundation as we collectively grow the game and support the development of productive, healthy young citizens.

Since becoming USTA Chairman of the Board and President, I've instituted an advocacy task force whose challenge is to unite voices on a grassroots level to make certain that tennis is well represented when funds are available for communities to enhance or expand their recreation offerings. This advocacy effort will complement what the USTA Public Affairs Committee (which is assisted by the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation) has been working to do on a national level under the "Aces for Kids" initiative.

I was quoted earlier this year as saying that my dream would be to have tennis be the sport of choice for kids from ages 7 to 12. One of my top goals will be to provide children more access to tennis by strengthening school programs from elementary school curriculum through "no-cut" high school teams.

Since its start, the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation has focused on tennis in schools and in after-school and out-of-school programs. The plan is to make tennis the sport of choice while providing students with academic skills that will help them in the game of life. More than 100 programs benefited in the past year alone from grants from the Foundation, which translates into thousands of new young players having fun.

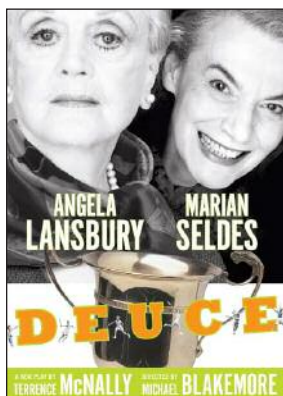
"Building lives through tennis and education" is a purposeful mission statement with lofty yet achievable goals that transfer the lessons learned on the court to lessons for a lifetime—and I am delighted to support these efforts!

Grantees Meet in Atlanta at USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop

Representatives of programs funded over the past five years by the Tennis & Education Foundation joined Karen Martin-Eliezer at the 2007 USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop in Atlanta. The Foundation's work session provided the opportunity for grant recipients to share and exchange ideas about best practices and potential funding sources.



Pictured (left to right) Gary Davis, a USTA T&EF member and President & CEO of New York Junior Tennis League; Nancy Carr, NJTL of Indianapolis; Scott Tharpe, Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis; Jay Massart, Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation; Karen Martin-Eliezer; Susan Furtney, St. Paul Urban Tennis; Sal De Leva, Latin American Youth Committee; Tina Sloan Green, Black Women in Sport Foundation; Andrea Woolley, Net Results; Amber Marino, 15-Love (Capital Region Tennis); and Eleni Rossides, Washington Tennis & Education Foundation.



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In Memoriam Marian Wood Baird

The USTA Tennis & Education Foundation extends its sympathies to the family of Western Tennis Association Past President and Midwest Tennis Hall of Fame Member Marian Wood Baird of Winnetka, Illinois, 91 years old, who passed away on January 4, 2007.

Mrs. Baird had been a star tennis player long before most women excelled in the sport. She was also an outstanding volunteer from Chicago with over 40 years of volunteer service at the district, section and national levels.

In 2005, the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation announced the creation of a scholarship in her honor which was established by her children and grandchildren. Mrs. Baird was a role model to many young women and the scholarship will help perpetuate the values that she held so dear.

Planned Giving

We hope you will consider the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation for your planned giving. Leaving a legacy through tennis is an excellent means of ensuring that many of today's youth have a chance to receive the lifetime benefits the sport offers. For more information, please contact the Foundation at (914) 696-7223.

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