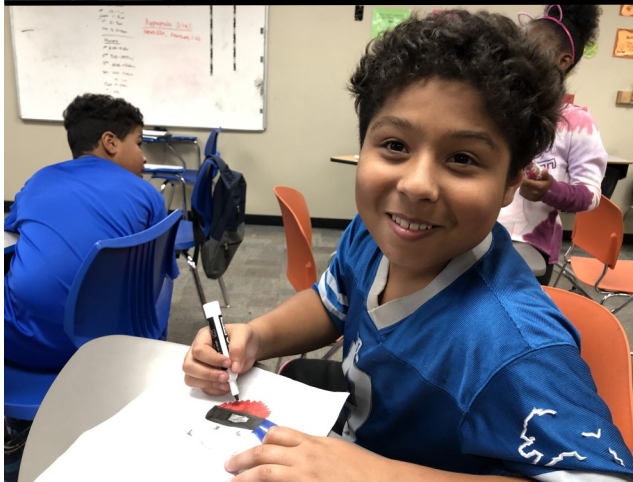


NJTL of Indianapolis 2019 Annual Report



SUMMER PROGRAM

For the 47th summer, NJTL of Indianapolis provided affordable tennis instruction for area children ages 5 to 18. Our classes were held at 14 locations for players of all levels of ability, Level 1 to our Jack Bradshaw program held at Marian University.

Educational enrichment was provided through our "Love to Read" reading challenge and the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Contest. We had five USTA Midwest regional winners in the essay contest: **Ace Cremeans** (Maple Elementary), **Aparna Gaitonde** (Brownsburg West Middle School), **Owen Lykins** (Franklin Township Middle School East), **Averi Murff** (Westlake Elementary), and **Hogan Scanlan** (Lutheran High School).





AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM



Our afterschool program found a new setting in 2019 at Paramount Schools of Excellence — Brookside.

The program, which began in 2018, offers tennis instruction and education enrichment activities in schools that serve exclusively or predominantly children from low-income families.

The program at Paramount Brookside has 16 students meeting twice a week to receive extra tutoring, homework help, and test prep for an hour before learning the ins and outs of tennis, including etiquette, the rules of the game, and good sportsmanship.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NJTL of Indianapolis took part in numerous community events to give kids another opportunity to play tennis and to raise awareness of our organization.



NJTL of Indianapolis helped showcase tennis to many young children at several fun events with USTA Central Indiana.

Above: NJTL Board Member Linda Mulcahey, left, hits with a young player at the 500 Festival Kids Day at Monument Circle in May.

Left: “Ace” rallies with another young player at the Tarkington Park Fest in June.



We took part in the inaugural Tennis Palooza event organized by NJTL of Indianapolis founder Barbara Wynne. Board Members Heather Iffert, pictured right, Daryl Whitley and Joseph Eldridge volunteered to help kids learn more about tennis.



Grand Slam champion Rajeev Ram held his annual high school clinic at West Indy Racquet Club in November, and several NJTL participants were invited to take part.



NJTL of Indianapolis families were invited by the Children's Museum of Indianapolis to check out the Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience for free.



We set up a makeshift court close to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to give 500 Festival mini-mini participants a chance to play some tennis.

NIGHT AT THE NET

Our annual Night at the Net fundraiser was held again at Smash, netting more than \$35,000 for our tennis and education programs.

The event included silent and live auctions, a table tennis tournament, delicious barbeque, an awards ceremony and a reading from NJTL participant **Issac Lian**, whose national-winning essay

earned him a trip to the U.S. Open in New York.

NJTL of Indianapolis board member **Daryl Whitley** received the Chuck DeVoe Award for his tireless volunteer efforts with the organization.

Colin Atkinson of Glick won the very competitive ping-pong championships for the second straight year at Smash.





RALLY DAY

More than 80 kids and their families came out to take part in our annual Rally Day at Riverside Park in June. The free event was held to promote our summer program. Children received free T-shirts and books, and all participants had a chance to win prizes by playing our fun games!



RAISE SOME RACQUET



Our new friends at Devon Country Club hosted a Raise Some Racquet fundraiser/tennis tournament to benefit NJTL of Indianapolis.

During the event, two USTA Midwest section winners in the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Contest — **Ace Cremeans** and **Averi Murff** — received their plaque and read their essays.



WOODARD VAN RIPER ROAD RALLY

NJTL of Indianapolis took part in the Woodard Van Riper Charity Challenge Road Rally, in which numerous charities get to know more about each other and the Woodard Van Riper Family Foundation as they compete in a fun “race” around the state. NJTL Board Members **Monica Brase**, **Linda Mulcahey** and **Sara Tokoly** and volunteer **Gabe Berry** enjoyed their time during the rally.



IRC LADIES DAY

Our partners at the Indianapolis Racquet Club held their annual Ladies Day at IRC East to raise funds for NJTL. Program Director **Steve Mackell** talked about our programs to the ladies who took part in the tournament and lunch.



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Thanks to all of our donors, supporters and sponsors for helping us in our mission to promote education, good character and healthy lifestyles to children through the sport of tennis.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Thanks to supporters like you, 2019 proved to be another success for our numerous programs.

More than 600 children took part in our popular summer classes, held at 14 locations around Indianapolis. The session included special Match Days and two tournaments. We also had five of our participants win regional honors in the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Contest.

Our afterschool program moved to Paramount Schools of Excellence Brookside in 2019, as 16 kids received educational assistance and tennis instruction. The school had a waiting list of more than 40 students! We hope to expand the program to another school

in 2020.

Our “Night at the Net” fundraiser proved to be another success thanks to you, as we raised more than \$35,000 for our programs. Longtime board member **Daryl Whitley** received the Chuck DeVoe Award for his volunteer efforts.

We partnered with our friends at USTA Central Indiana in spreading the word about NJTL and giving more kids a chance to play tennis, and we also were happy to have some of our participants take part in **Rajeev Ram**’s high school clinic.

We hope you are staying safe. Thank you again for supporting us!

Dax Lowery, Executive Director

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