



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**NJTL OF  
INDIANAPOLIS**

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# HIGHLIGHTS

National Junior Tennis & Learning of Indianapolis was back to full force in 2021, with additional tennis and educational opportunities for local youth!

Among the highlights:

- Nearly 500 participants in our always popular summer program
- With USTA Central Indiana, we helped relaunch the IPS League, which saw nearly 150 students learn to play tennis at local Indy Parks.
- Our free afterschool tennis and education program resumed in person at Enlace Academy.
- We added more neighborhood centers to our "Serving Together" program last summer.

Thanks to our many volunteers, parents, and supporters, we were able to offer tennis and educational programs to more than 1,000 children in 2021!



## NJTL REVIEW

### MISSION

NJTL of Indianapolis follows the example set by Arthur Ashe to promote education, good character and healthy lifestyles to children through the sport of tennis.



# SUMMER PROGRAM



493

SUMMER  
PARTICIPANTS

130

SERVING  
TOGETHER  
PARTICIPANTS

2

MIDWEST ESSAY  
WINNERS



We brought tennis to nearly 500 young players at 10 locations in Summer 2021. For six weeks, players of all skill levels met four days a week to learn new skills and strategies while also competing on Match Play Thursdays. We made sure no one was turned away due to their financial situation by offering numerous scholarships.



# SERVING TOGETHER



We partnered with eight neighborhood centers and day camps to provide weekly lessons at their facilities or local schools at a greatly reduced rate. Most of the 130 participants were able to try out tennis for the first time.





# ESSAY WINNERS

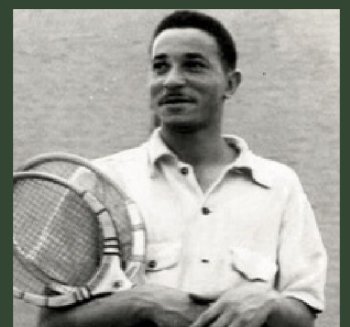


**BRAYLEN HALIBURTON**



**ABIGAIL WITKEMPER**

Two NJTL of Indianapolis players, Braylen Haliburton and Abigail Witkemper, were Sectional winners in the USTA Foundation's NJTL Essay Contest! Participants were asked a question about Robert Ryland, the first African-American professional tennis player. We are very proud of Braylen and Abigail, and everyone who submitted essays!



**ROBERT RYLAND**



# AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM



Our free afterschool tennis and education program resumed in-person activities at Enlace Academy. In addition to tennis instruction, the students learned about NJTL co-founder Arthur Ashe in a special Zoom call from Helen Petersen, founder of the Hamilton County Community Tennis Association.





# IPS LEAGUE



149

LEAGUE  
PARTICIPANTS

15

PARTICIPATING  
SCHOOLS



We partnered with USTA Central Indiana and IPS Schools to bring back the IPS Fall Tennis League. Almost 150 IPS students played in the weekly league for six weeks at Ellenberger and Tarkington Parks. Thanks to our volunteers and coaches, the league was a smashing success!



# YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS



We provided year-round programming at various Indy-area schools, parks, and indoor facilities to 800 youth.





# PLAY TENNIS! MIDWEST



Play Tennis! Midwest, a collaboration with USTA Central Indiana, was held May 22-23 at Garfield and Broad Ripple Parks. This free event gave children and parents a chance to play some fun tennis games and learn about our programs. Indianapolis Public Library officials were also on hand to give out free books.





# NIGHT AT THE NET



We moved our annual Night at the Net fundraiser to Highland Golf & Country Club, which proved to be an ideal location for our auctions, pickleball tournament and other fun games. Thanks to our many generous sponsors and attendees, we were able to raise more than \$35,000 for our programs.

Longtime NJTL of Indianapolis player and instructor Madelyn Oconitrillo spoke about her experiences with the organization, and NJTL Finance & Operations Manager Tyler Scanlan received the Chuck DeVoe Award, which acknowledges those individuals with a record of excellence and unique service to NJTL of Indianapolis.





# LADIES DAY AT IRC



Indianapolis Racquet Club donated the use of their courts to hold our Ladies Day fundraiser at East in November. Thanks to the efforts of several volunteers and NJTL board member Heather Iffert, we were able to raise more than \$2,000 through the event, which included tennis and pickleball play, food provided by Wolfie's, and a raffle.





# OUR VOLUNTEERS



We truly have some amazing volunteers who joined us on the courts in 2021, whether it was to assist with our IPS League each Saturday, feed balls at our one-day events like Play Tennis! Midwest, or in putting together fundraisers like Ladies Day. THANK YOU SO MUCH!





# DONORS AND SPONSORS

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DONORS, SPONSORS, GRANT FUNDERS AND VOLUNTEERS 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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## INDIANAPOLIS RACQUET CLUB

The Indianapolis Racquet Club and its leaders have supported NJTL of Indianapolis for decades, and 2021 was no exception. In addition to the reduced rates for the use of their courts for our regular programming, IRC also allowed us to use the courts at IRC East for free for our Ladies Day fundraiser in November. In addition, the club regularly donates racquets and balls and also helps promote our annual Night at the Net fundraiser.





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- Steve Mackell, Program Manager
- Tyler Scanlan, Finance & Operations Manager





## INCOME

GRANTS: \$53,668  
FUNDRAISING EVENTS: \$43,589  
DONATIONS: \$47,705  
REGISTRATION FEES: \$64,260  
TOTAL INCOME: \$209,222

## EXPENSES

PROGRAMMING: \$139,772  
FUNDRAISING: \$5,562  
OTHER: \$14,162  
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$159,496

## 2021 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

WINTER II: 42  
SPRING: 80  
PLAY TENNIS MIDWEST: 75  
SUMMER: 493  
SALVATION ARMY: 18  
FALL: 128  
FALL INDOOR: 98  
IPS KICKOFF EVENT: 80  
IPS LEAGUE: 149  
AFTERSCHOOL: 20  
HOLIDAY TENNIS EVENT: 25  
TOTAL: 1,208