



Names Family Foundation invests in Tennis Summer Camp Program in Tacoma

TACOMA, Wash. — United States Tennis Association Pacific Northwest Section announced a \$100,000 philanthropic investment by the Names Family Foundation to expand the scholarship program at Galbraith Tennis Center (GTC) to include the expansion of our off-site summer camps. The commitment made by the Names Family Foundation will be used to support current scholarship programming and expand on-court summer scholarships to kids ages 6-18 throughout Pierce County (Wash).

“Our Tacoma tennis community is grateful for the generous investment and partnership from the Names Family Foundation and looks forward to expanding our summer programming into local parks this summer making tennis accessible to more kids,” said Patrick Dreves, USTA PNW General Manager of Infrastructure & Delivery. “This

commitment will not only expand scholarships for low or income restricted kids, but it gives them the chance to experience and enjoy the life-long benefits of tennis.”

According to the 2021 Washington State Healthy Youth Survey, only 22% of sixth graders met the recommendations for 60-minutes of daily physical activity. To address the lack of physical activity among children and to meet the growing number of tennis players in our area, GTC, operated by USTA PNW, has partnered with Peninsula Metropolitan Park District to offer 9-weeks of summer camp for kids ages 6-18 that will serve up over 400 play opportunities this summer at Rosedale Park. Programming will be offered at the introductory level as well as for high school players who have more established fundamentals.

USTA PNW Scholarships are based on financial need, rather than performance, and offer kids year-round play options at GTC as well as week-long outdoor summer camps offered June-August. “In our service area, outdoor tennis courts are limited to warmer months and only 17% of indoor tennis courts are available to the general public at rates still inaccessible for many families” said Dreves. “Through our expanded scholarship program, Tacoma area youth will have year-round access to indoor tennis courts, support, and integrated program instruction regardless of socioeconomic status.”



“USTA PNW’s partnership with the Names Family Foundation aligns squarely with our shared value to transforming lives through sports and healthy lifestyle initiatives.” said USTA PNW Executive Director, Matthew Warren. “Everyone at USTA PNW is grateful for the generosity and leadership of the Names Family Foundation for their remarkable support of this project. We look forward to growing our collaborations with the Names Family Foundation to address childhood inactivity by increasing accessibility to tennis programming in Pierce County now and in the future.”

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With its collective emphasis on accessibility, transforming lives through sport and healthy lifestyle initiatives, the expanded scholarship program at GTC fit neatly within the mission and the philanthropic goals of the Names Family Foundation. Since 1996, the Names Family Foundation has awarded over \$36 million to projects to nonprofit organizations in Pierce County that champion initiatives focused on sports, physical education, health and wellness. Learn more at NamesFoundation.org.

USTA Pacific Northwest, one of 17 regional sections across the country that comprise the United States Tennis Association (USTA), is a not-for-profit organization committed to making the game of tennis and its physical, social and emotional health benefits accessible for all people and communities throughout Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Northern Idaho. We do this by providing free and low cost recreational programs, running adult and junior leagues and tournaments, and creating year-round indoor court access to world-class, public tennis facilities and instruction in Tacoma and Vancouver Washington.

For more information about the USTA PNW Scholarship Program, visit ustapnw.org.

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