

The GTF's Mission Continues Forward

OUR MISSION

To grow and enhance the development of tennis in Georgia by providing philanthropic community tennis programs with emphasis on youth development and preserving the historical aspects of tennis through the Sessions Family Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum.



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Joe Dorn First Serve Matching Grant Update

Total Raised - **\$11,315**

Special THANK YOU – South Atlanta CTA, Get a Grip, CORTA, Above the Net

Other Fundraising

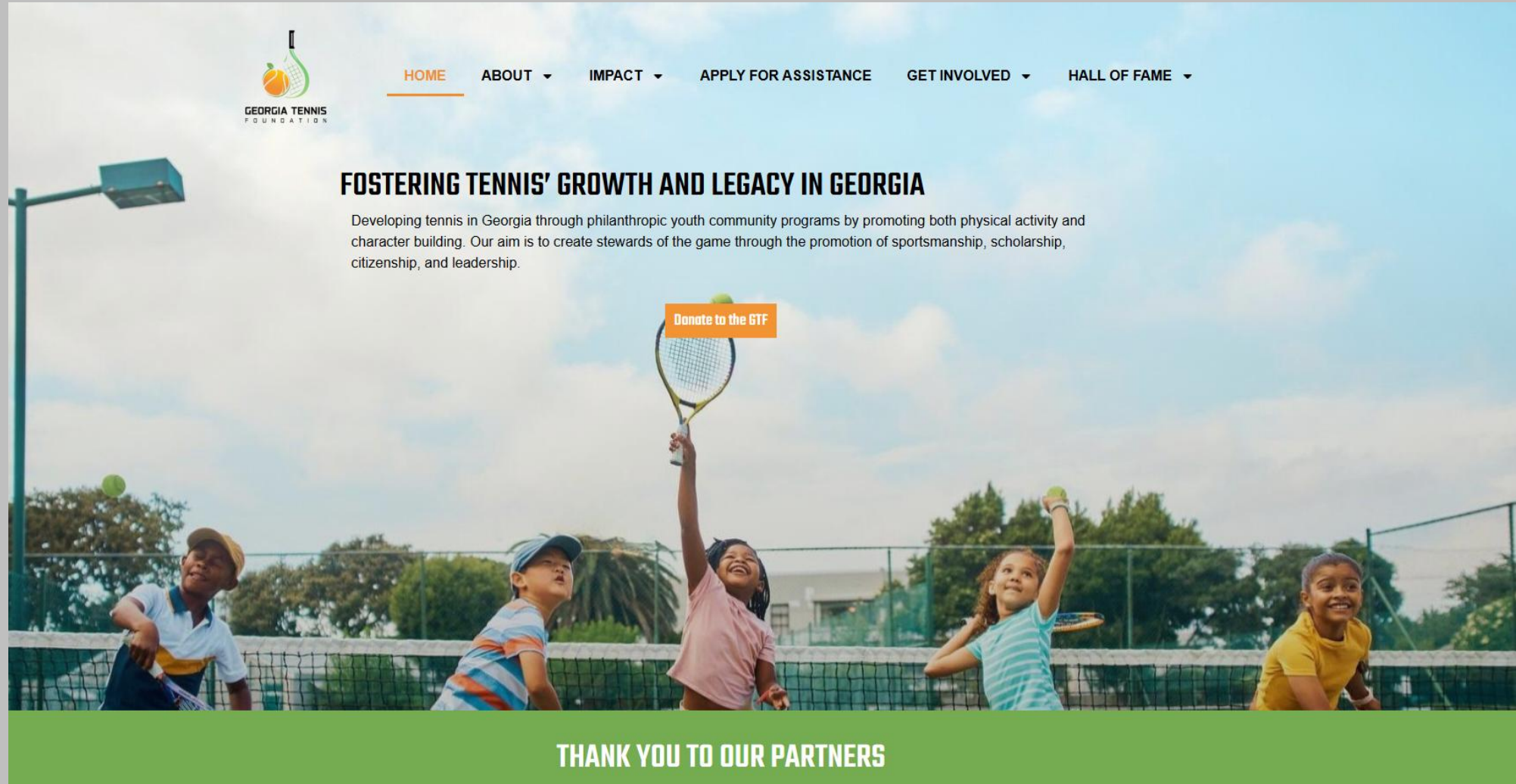
Christmas in July - \$1,425

Southern Foundation Grant - \$2,000

Total for the year raised for the Joe Dorn First Serve was **\$27,915.50**



New Website Launched in 2024



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FOSTERING TENNIS' GROWTH AND LEGACY IN GEORGIA

Developing tennis in Georgia through philanthropic youth community programs by promoting both physical activity and character building. Our aim is to create stewards of the game through the promotion of sportsmanship, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

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THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



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18 COMMUNITIES SERVED
2,000+ KIDS
\$18,000 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
\$750K+ EQUIPMENT

New Look, NJTL Leadership Camp, Scholarship Recipients & MORE - May 2024

209 Sends
66% Open Rate (132)

Giving Tuesday, Essay Winners & MORE - November 2024

285 Sends
75% Open Rate (182)

Giving Tuesday is HERE

281 Sends
62% Open Rate (161)

Help Us Give Back This Season

253 Sends
62% Open Rate (146)

Hello Amanda,
On behalf of the Georgia Tennis Foundation Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and staff we are pleased to introduce the GTF's first digital newsletter.

We are thrilled to bring you the latest updates, inspiring stories, and insightful highlights from the world of tennis in Georgia. From grassroots initiatives to elite competitions, our shared passion for the sport continues to drive us forward, creating opportunities, fostering individuality, and igniting the love for tennis in all corners of our community. Thank you for your support over the years and we look forward to continuing to grow and enhance the development of tennis in Georgia.

Georgia NJTL Leadership Camp

Inspire, Empower, Achieve
The 2nd Annual Georgia NJTL Leadership Camp was held at Cooper Creek Tennis Center in Columbus, GA on Sunday, May 19th. NJTL Chapter were represented with over 22 participants.

The day started with our younger age group participating in a drive activity, while they learned how to program and drive a car. Our older age group heard from guest speakers on finance, the law, as well as careers in tennis and the military, lunch was provided for all participants and volunteers.

The last half of the day was spent on court where participants worked on skill development and match strategy. The event was a huge success and we look forward to hosting another Leadership Camp in the Fall in viera, Florida!

Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Recipients

<p>Wendy Cullen DeHavenly I started playing tennis at 12 by hanging with my buddies on the school yard and have been playing ever since. A few facts about my "why" for loving tennis, memory is playing on the Atlanta Open court in front of a crowd.</p>	<p>Richard Barnes Schelersky I started playing tennis at 10 - tennis was the perfect opportunity to use both my physical and mental skills. A few things about me: The more tennis tournaments are on the court on summer camp with Coach Dan, playing games that were competitive but fun.</p>	<p>Ralph Cline DeHavenly My journey in tennis began during the summer before my junior year of high school. I quickly learned that tennis was more than a sport, but something I could rely on. I started the game because I'd show for it, but soon about me: The more tennis tournaments</p>

Double Your Impact This Giving Tuesday!

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity dedicated to creating positive change. Gives on Giving Tuesday bring us together to support local nonprofits making a difference.

This year, the Georgia Tennis Foundation (GTF) is raising money for the Joe Don First Serve Fund, which supports National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) programs across the state. These free or low-cost programs provide kids—many from underserved communities—with access to tennis lessons, equipment, academic support, and life skills for success on and off the court.

Thanks to a matching gift challenge, every donation will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000. That means your support will have double the impact. As a token of our appreciation, any donation over \$25 will receive a Georgia Tennis Foundation stained glass ornament while supplies last.

Here's how you can help:

1. Visit: <https://www.gives.org/organization/Georgia-Tennis-Foundation>
2. Donate: Any amount will make a difference!
3. Feel good: Knowing your gift helps provide life-changing opportunities to kids through tennis.

Thank you for considering this! Together, let's make Giving Tuesday a success for young tennis players in Georgia.

DONATE HERE

SHARE THE LOVE
Help us meet our match this holiday season!

As the year comes to a close, we're excited to share an amazing opportunity to support the Joe Don First Serve Fund, benefiting National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) programs across Georgia. These programs provide free or low-cost tennis lessons, equipment, academic support, and life skills to kids, many from underserved communities.

Thanks to a matching gift challenge, every dollar donated until the end of the year will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$15,000—doubling your impact this holiday season!

Here's how you can help:

1. Visit: <https://ustogear.georgiatennis.com/>
2. Donate: Every dollar makes a difference.
3. Feel good: Knowing your support helps kids develop life-changing skills through tennis.

Let's spread joy and opportunity this holiday season by empowering young tennis players across Georgia.

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of the GTF family.

As a token of our appreciation, anyone who donates \$20 or more before the end of the year will receive a GTF long sleeve shirt and towel.

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2025 Scholarship Applications are Open

Manny Guillen Scholarship

The scholarship is named after Manny Guillen, a long-time ASI Committee member and volunteer. Manny is a 40+ year USTA volunteer at all levels of the organization.

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

- High school senior of Hispanic origin
- Currently on a varsity tennis team
- Entering college after graduation



Richard Bowers Scholarship

Named for Richard Bowers, long-time ASI Presenting Sponsor and Committee member, U.S. Military Academy West Point tennis player, and 2015 Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame inductee.

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

- High school senior on a varsity tennis team
- Has an immediate family member currently serving or who previously served in the military
- Entering college after graduation



Ralph Grieco Family Foundation Scholarship

The scholarship, established by the Grieco Family, is named after Ralph Grieco, a highly ranked senior player at the state, section & national level of USTA.

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

- High school senior on a varsity tennis team
- Entering college after graduation



2024 Scholarship Recipients



Daniel Torres

Mannuel Guillen Scholarship

I started playing tennis at 12 to help with my balance on the soccer field and have been playing ever since. A few facts about me:

- *My favorite tennis memory is playing on the Atlanta Open court in front of a crowd
- *I won the Aaron Cohn award at CORTA
- *Favorite tennis Player - Novak Djokovic
- *Favorite quote - "you control your own wins and losses" - Maria Sharapova
- *I am involved with the CORTA NJTL - TennisWorks!



Maasiai Sales

Richard Bowers Scholarship

I started playing tennis at 10 - tennis was the perfect opportunity to use both my physical and mental skills. A few things about me:

- *Favorite tennis memories are on the court at summer camp with Coach Sam playing games that were competitive but fun
- *I won the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Contest for Georgia in 2023
- *Favorite Tennis Player is Iga Świątek
- *Favorite quote: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me - Philippians 4:13
- *I am involved with the NJTL South Atlanta CTA

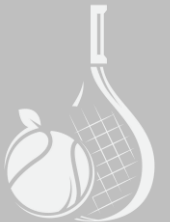


Jacob Cummings

Ralph Grieco Scholarship

My journey in tennis began during the summer before my junior year of high school. I quickly learned that tennis was more than a sport, but something I was able to easily find goals for myself to strive for. A few facts about me:

- *Favorite tennis memory was serving an ace at match point to advance to the 2nd round of the Region Tournament my senior year
- *I am graduating 4th in my class, Archery State Champion, President of 2 clubs in my school, and volunteer for multiple community programs
- Favorite player is Ben Shelton



2025 Grants

- NJTL Equipment/Program Grant
- Cannon Carr Tournament Entry Fee Assistance
- Afterschool Program Grant (Provider)
- Afterschool Program Grant (Teacher)
- School Tennis Equipment Replacement
- High School Tennis Grant



2024
INSPIRE
EMPOWER
ACHIEVE
NJTL
LEADERSHIP
CAMP
COLUMBUS, GA

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2025 NJTL Leadership Camp

SPRING

Location – Macon

Date – April 26 or May 3

FALL

Location – Metro Atlanta

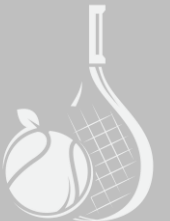
Date – Early to mid October



Specialty Georgia Tennis License Plate

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

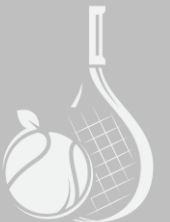
Are you turning 40, 55, or 65 this year?
Good news! You have even more tennis
playing opportunities and a special gift from
USTA Georgia.



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USTA Georgia Awards Naming Opportunity

- Adaptive Tennis Award
- Adult Tournament of the Year
- Junior Team Tennis Captain of the Year
- Junior Tournament of the Year
- Local League Coordinator of the Year
- Member Organization of the Year
- NJTL Chapter of the Year
- Special Tennis Event of the Year
- Team Tennis Event of the Year
- Wheelchair Excellence Award
- USTA League Female Captain of the Year
- USTA League Male Captain of the Year
- Outstanding Parks & Recreation Department



Class of 2024 Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame

Gery Groslimond

Groslimond helped develop 12 All-Americans, 5 national champions and more than 250 future college players in a 50-year Georgia coaching career that followed his playing days at Stanford, where he was a key member of a NCAA championship team.

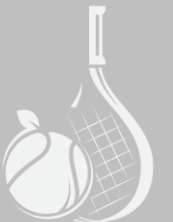


Philip Johnson

Johnson, who clinched the University of Georgia's first men's tennis national championship in 1985, started as a small-fry underdog junior player and became a two-time college All-American, along with the first Georgia native to reach the top 150 on the ATP Tour.



In addition, congratulations to **Sam Crenshaw** on receiving the prestigious Dan Magill "Impact" Award for his tireless work as a great ambassador for tennis through his various media outlets.

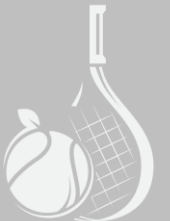


HOF Induction Videos now on YouTube

The screenshot shows a YouTube browser window with a playlist titled "Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Videos". The playlist is public and contains 73 videos with 259 views, last updated on August 14, 2023. The description states that this is the highest honor in the Peach State and thanks Scott Singer of Workhorse Video Productions. It also mentions that the Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum is open to the public from 9-3 Monday through Friday or by appointment at the USTA Georgia offices.

The playlist includes the following videos:

- Allen Miller - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2004) - 50 views • 3 months ago - 3:35
- Al Parker - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2003) - 156 views • 3 months ago - 4:03
- Armistead Neely - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2008) - 17 views • 3 months ago - 7:02
- Arthur "Red" Enloe - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 1987) - 4 views • 3 months ago - 2:36
- Bailey Brown - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2015) - 26 views • 3 months ago - 4:44
- Bernard Neal - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2001) - 5 views • 3 months ago - 3:28
- Betsy Butler - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2019) - 22 views • 3 months ago - 8:08
- Bill Ozaki - Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2019) - 6 views • 3 months ago



“Catching Up” Video Series



Al Parker
Ryan Blake
Jaime Kaplan
David Mathews
Randy Stephens
Armistead Neely
Peter Howell
Shannan McCarthy-Gaudette
Bill Ozaki



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