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EMPowering Our Next Generation

Grant Provides Funding for MTEF's Expanded Mentoring Program



Mentors and mentees gather in a circle with coordinator Brooke Slamka (top right) before breaking into smaller groups for bonding activities at the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club.

A generous multi-year grant from the Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation has given the Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation the opportunity to implement an Expanded Mentoring Program (EMP) for its participants. The EMP supplements the foundation's focus on tennis, education, life skills and nutrition/fitness.

The grant, \$64,000 for the first year, is a step in measure with the passion of Thomas J. (Tom) Hurvis, Al's son, for the state of American education, particularly the education of those trapped in poverty. For many years, Hurvis has sponsored scholarships and internships aimed at helping young people from central cities achieve the American dream.

Currently, the EMP involves 28 youngsters from MTEF's year-round High Performance TEAM program but it's expected that it eventually will extend to participants in MTEF's summer and after-school efforts.

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Making the Move Downtown

UW Coach Westerman Set as Honorary Chair at Pfister Event

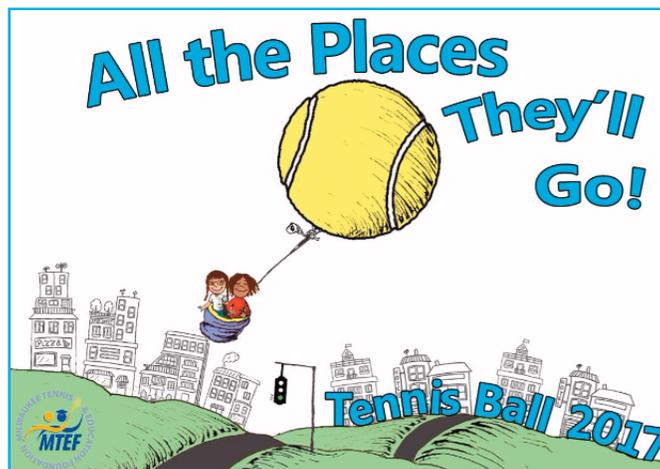
"...Things will be great when you're Downtown
No finer place for sure, Downtown
Everything's waiting for you..."

So warbled Petula Clark in her 1993 pop hit, *Downtown*.

And that's exactly where MTEF is heading with the 19th edition of its annual Tennis Ball.

After many years "Out West" at the Milwaukee County Zoo's Peck Pavilion, the foundation's largest fundraiser will take place Saturday, Oct. 7 in the Ballroom at the historic Pfister Hotel, 425 E. Wisconsin Ave.

The move couldn't come at a better time. With its multitude of development and redevelopment projects, Milwaukee's Downtown



could be termed the most happening place in Southeast Wisconsin!

"We are very excited to move our venue to the Pfister," said Debbie Schifano, chair of the 2017 Tennis Ball committee. "It is centrally located and provides all of the accommodations right on site, including valet parking which will be provided to all of our guests and supporters."

This year's theme – *All the places they'll go!* – is a nod to the direction in which MTEF is heading with redesigned programming,

including an expanded mentoring effort (see story above), that focuses on making sure that TEAM participants are well-prepared for post-secondary education and careers.

Traditionally, the Ball has raised as

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...I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight.

We all remember those words from childhood. No matter what our age, we all have wishes and dreams and so does MTEF.

The foundation currently is in need of additional laptop computers, new or used, since our tutors use them in working one-on-one with TEAM participants.

We also could use digital cameras and an iPad to record our participants progress.

Monetary donations also are helpful, especially to MTEF's High Performance TEAM participants engaged in the National Student Athlete Competition (NSAC), where points are earned for tournaments played and won. No donation is too small as several can be combined to cover costs for a deserving child.

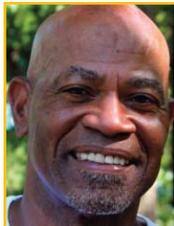
Some examples of the costs are:

- \$20 provides a child with a USTA junior membership.
- \$35 pays the entry fee for a child to play in a rookie tournament.
- \$65 enables a child to enter a USTA-sanctioned junior tournament.
- \$100 provides for six hours of indoor court time at Moorland Tennis and Pickleball Club in New Berlin or North Shore Elite in Glendale.
- \$125 provides entry fees for two USTA-sanctioned tournaments
- \$250 covers the cost of three weeks of tennis for a child in MTEF's Summer TEAM program.

Continue your tennis legacy and support the foundation by including MTEF in your estate planning. (See Page 12)

Let Us Courageously Take MTEF Forward

Organizations such as MTEF will always find confidence in their successes but they never are certain when confronted with change and/or setbacks, if only for an abbreviated time.



**Michael Levy, Sr.
Executive Director's
Message**

Having served as MTEF's executive director for more than a year now, I'm confident that our greatest successes are ahead of us. Possibilities loom large. But we'll only have opportunities to see a more powerful impact of the MTEF spirit by maintaining focus on our primary organizational mission, *To make Milwaukee a better place to live, work, play and learn through tennis and education...*, and by extending our point of view to what's possible and getting about the business of making it happen.

It has been said that when preparation meets opportunity, success is sure to follow. I believe it's to be about the preparation. Therefore, it continues to be my primary goal to model this reality to the children and families we serve.

It has been an honor to engage with the necessities of the Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation in 2016 and I genuinely believe that we really have turned the corner in 2017. With the assistance and care of our immediate past president, Timon Corwin, and the great direction and leadership of our current president, Beth Horneffer, I'm confident that we've grown some very

strong and powerful legs. This sturdy bedrock will allow us to proceed positively into the next 15 years.

Briefly looking back, MTEF has supported strong ties to the Milwaukee community. By building a broader bridge to transparent connections with other youth serving organizations, I believe we can consistently develop courageous leaders from among the young people we all serve.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) currently is redefining its youth outreach/development organization's model. This new initiative, called *Next Generation Tennis*, will greatly impact programming at all the country's 400+ NJTL chapters, including MTEF, which is very excited by the upgraded direction it will provide in developing our young tennis citizens.

Along with the USTA, MTEF is four months into a new project of its own, the Expanded Mentoring Program (EMP). The primary goal of the project is to build strong relationships among the youth we serve in MTEF's High-Performance TEAM Academy. *Serving Up Friendships* has become a better label for this project.

My desire is to introduce the value of courage into all that these youngsters do and to teach them that their current circumstances will not be the basis for or limit their destiny. Courage will always be the tool to achieve their greatest performances in whatever they do.

It is my passion to help each of them, metaphorically speaking, find and keep their ball in play. Tennis can *Continued on Page 8*

TEAM

New
Event!!!!

UP for

Tennis

Summer **Fun**draiser* for the Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation

Be one of the 24 lucky people to TEAM up with current and recent collegiate players for an exciting evening of tennis!

Then savor the opportunity to share heavy appetizers, beer, wine and soft drinks with your TEAM-mate.

Family and friends are invited to watch the action and enjoy supper as well.

When: 6 p.m. Friday, August 11, 2017

Where: Western Racquet Club, 1800 Highland Drive, Elm Grove

How Much: \$250 pp to play (food and drink included); \$25 (food and drink only)

To Register: Email TCorwin@westernracquetclub.com or call (262) 786-7060

Payment: Checks will be accepted the night of the event

*Proceeds benefit MTEF's TEAM (Tennis, Education and Mentoring) outreach program

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Be a Friend, Donate Now!



Over the past 16 years, MTEF's programming has touched the lives of more than 34,000 underserved Milwaukee youngsters with tennis instruction plus academics, life skills and fitness/ nutrition education.

In 2015 the USTA Foundation designated MTEF as a 4-Star NJTL chapter – one of only 19 out of more than 400 in the entire United States. It also received 4 stars in 2009 and 2010, when the life-skills curriculum – later incorporated into NJTL – was known as First Serve. MTEF was recognized as the National NJTL Chapter of the Year in 2006 and the Midwest NJTL Chapter of the Year in 2004, 2005 and 2009. It was named the national No. 2 First Serve chapter in 2010.

But MTEF, like all non-profit organizations, needs the generosity of Friends like you to sustain and grow its programming. You can make a *huge* difference in a child's life with even a small donation that you may designate for a specific intention. Friends will be recognized in the fall issue of The Match. Here are some ways you can help:

Sponsorships

- TEAM Programming
 Merrill Park
 Rufus King
 Sherman Park
 HP TEAM
 Build Funding for Future Site

Newsletter

- Tutors and Tennis Instructors
 Tutors
 Tennis Instructors

Area of Greatest Need

Please use my donation where it is most needed.

Volunteers

- Office Assistance
 IT/Website
 Data Input/Analysis
 Help Prepare Mailings
 Research Sources for Funding
 Mentor
 Other
 Tutor or Tennis Instructor

To Donate Now

Make your choice(s) from the list above, fill in the information below and mail this page to:

MTEF, Attn: Mike Levy, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53210. Make checks payable to MTEF.

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 State _____ ZIP code: _____ Email: _____
 Credit Card: MasterCard Visa
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Or log onto www.mtef.com and click on *Donate* or *Get Involved*. Donations are fully tax-deductible.

The Thrill of Victory

After leading Homestead High School to Wauwatosa sectional championship, MTEF's Sydan Parker and his doubles partner Tucker Gabriel made a good run at the 2017 WIAA Division 1 Boys Individual State title in Madison earlier this year before falling 6-1, 6-4 to Grant Mauthe and Carter Brown of Neenah in the quarter finals.

Parker and Gabriel, who were seeded fifth, defeated Ryan Bald and Domingo Ortega of West DePere 6-1, 6-4 in their second-round match. They then went on to defeat the 12th seeded team of Kyler Kappes and Graham Werner of Neenah, 6-2, 7-6 (3) in the round of 16.

At Team State, they lost their first round (quarterfinal) match to the eventual doubles champions John Massart and Ethan Budiono of Marquette University High School, 6-2, 6-2.

In late June, the two were named to the second team of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's All-Area Team.

Parker also was interviewed by Lance Allan of Today's TMJ4, for a segment shown prior to the start of the individual tournament. The segment focused on the role MTEF played in his development as a tennis player and how he is serving as a mentor to younger participants. To see the segment, visit www.todaystmj4.com/sports/tennis-player-sydan-parker-hopes-to-model-the-way-in-sherman-park-neighborhood.



Sydan Parker (left) and Tucker Gabriel with their sectional championship trophy.

Levy Honored as USTA Midwest Section's NJTL Star



Levy

MTEF Executive Director Mike Levy, Sr. is profiled in the June issue of Tennis Industry Magazine as one of 16 sectional NJTL Stars. The designation honors the individuals and organizations that are among the more than 500 National Junior Tennis & Learning chapters that bring tennis and education to America's children.

Levy was chosen for the honor by the USTA's Midwest Section for his more than 40 years of work to grow tennis in the Greater Milwaukee area.

Prior to taking the reins at MTEF, the profile notes, Levy was a successful high school tennis coach at Rufus

King and Shorewood high schools and launched a club aimed at providing urban adults with a chance to learn the game. He founded the Racine Community Tennis Association, which under his leadership became an NJTL chapter.

In the profile, written by Tracy Maymon, communications coordinator at the USTA/Midwest, Levy states that serving others has always been a life goal for him and that he enjoys using tennis to reach youngsters.

"I want to believe tennis can teach so much as it relates to hard work, perseverance, accountability, teamwork and sportsmanship," he told Maymon. "Our urban youth win on all fronts when the game of tennis is the teacher."

To read the entire profile and those of the other NJTL Stars, log on to tennisindustrymag.com.

TEAM Participants Give Back

Three longtime participants from MTEF's TEAM programming are giving back to the foundation and the community as tennis instructors at our summer sites.

Toussaint Cruise and Julian Loera have been assigned to Rufus King. Sydan Parker is teaching at Merrill Park.

All three have won national awards as MTEF participants.



Cruise



Loera



Parker

Miramontes Takes New Post

After 10 years with MTEF, Diana Miramontes resigned her post to take a job with the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club, where she will serve as the administrator coordinator.

Miramontes began as MTEF's office manager and was promoted to assistant director last year.

All of us at MTEF congratulate her and wish her the best in her new position. We also thank her for her decade of dedicated service to our foundation.

In the meantime, MTEF is in the process of searching for a new assistant director.



Miramontes

CHANGE IS IN THE SUMMER WINDS!

REDESIGNED LESSON FORMATS ARE MORE SITE SPECIFIC

Exciting changes will be implemented in MTEF's 2017 Summer TEAM programming, including site-specific lesson plans geared to the abilities of participants and the length of time available for instruction.

Instead of one generic plan, MTEF now is offering four. Level 1 is exclusive for High Performance TEAM participants. Level 2 is designed for intermediate players and Level 3 for beginners. The lesson plans incorporate tennis, academics – including the annual NJTL Essay Contest and the Milwaukee Public Library's Super Reader program – life skills and fitness/nutrition education.

Level 1 will be offered only at Milwaukee's Merrill Park, the summer home of HP TEAM.

Levels 2 and 3 will be offered at Merrill for youngsters from the neighborhood and also at Rufus King High School.

Sherman Park, which was repurposed in 2016 to support Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club summer campers, will offer the USTA's Net Generation Tennis for youngsters ages 10 and under.

The fourth version was designed specifically for MTEF's Brown Deer site, which operates on a half-day instead of a full-day schedule.

Tennis-only programming will be offered to more than 150 youngsters from Summit Educational Foundation's Kosciuszko Park and Pulaski Park sites. The venture with Summit marks MTEF's return to the city's South Side after a two-year absence. The Summit sites are being funded by a grant from the Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation,



Mary Fran Cahill

Hope Moses and Idris Badani scramble for an overhead during a high performance drill last summer at Merrill Park.

which provides scholarships for most of the instructors. connected us to a group of really great kids who not only support the Summit tennis project but also the other Summer TEAM sites. Connecting urban youth who have played tennis in Milwaukee to job opportunities should become an active part of MTEF youth development goals going forward."

MTEF's collaboration with MPL now is in its third year. The library dropped off its Tubs of Books at the Merrill and Rufus King sites right as programming began on June 19. The books will remain on loan with the sites all summer as participants are encouraged, in the words of Victoria Sanchez, MPL's school age education specialist, "to read, read, read,"

MTEF also will field teams for Jr. Team Tennis where summer participants compete with teams not only from Milwaukee but also from communities such as Glendale, Fox Point, Germantown and Brookfield. MTEF will have a 14 Minor team and a 12 Novice team.

"We are looking to play six youngsters weekly from eight to 10 player teams," Levy said.

Two elements introduced to summer team programming in 2016 – *Mentor Mondays* and *Board Thursdays* also will continue. The first features lunch-hour speakers who discuss their careers in areas such as banking, fire-fighting, journalism, medicine and law enforcement with the youngsters. The second provides a time for board members to visit the sites to meet the participants and gain a first-hand look at how MTEF programming works. New this summer are *Patriotism Wednesdays*, which will be conducted during the academic sessions.

Programming will conclude on August 3 with the annual TEAM Cup Tournament and picnic (See story on Page 9).



Tom Lynn

MTEF is continuing its collaboration with the Milwaukee Public Library's Super Reader program. Youngsters select reading materials from "tubs" of books on loan from the library.

"I'm very happy that we could undertake this project with the help of the Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation," said Mike Levy, MTEF's executive director and tennis director. "Nathaniel Lynn and his staff have

Mike Levy (red shirt), MTEF's executive director, meets with a mentoring group at the start of a Serving Sunday session at Marquette University's Helfaer Tennis Stadium and Recreation Center.



Mentoring Program Guides Participants Along Life's Path

From Page 1 Mike Levy and Nathaniel Lynn, the executive directors of MTEF and Hurvis/ADAMM respectively, the EMP uses a cross-age peer mentoring system with each mentor assisting two mentees.

How does it work? Quite simply.

College students support participants who are high school juniors and seniors by offering guidance in subjects as general as being great students of life and as specific as the college transition process. The high school participants, in turn, serve as mentors to middle school participants.

The mentors are overseen by an adult mentoring coordinator, Brooke Slamka, who steers the activity at the weekly mentoring meetings and also at outside events, such as Bucks or Brewers games, that bring mentors and mentees together for stronger

bonding experiences. Slamka, whose field of expertise is social work, reports to MTEF's executive director.

How is it working?

Very well, says Levy, who adds that the families of the children in the program also are getting involved.

MTEF President Beth Horneffer had this to say:

"MTEF is extremely grateful to the Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation for the opportunity to expand our mentoring program.

"We are also thankful to the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club in Sherman Park for providing our weekly meeting space. It has been exciting to see MTEF students learn more about each other, build supportive relationships and develop leadership skills.

Mike and Brooke have done a wonderful job, and the feedback from our families has been incredibly positive," she added.

The Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation was established in 2015 by Tom Hurvis and a friend, Chas Mulcahy, an MTEF co-founder, in memory of Tom's father, Al Hurvis.

The elder Hurvis was a highly successful automotive executive with Heiser Ford in Milwaukee who served as a role model for both his son and Mulcahy and mentored at least 20 employees to open their own auto dealerships.

ADAMM (Automobile Dealers Association of Mega Milwaukee) represents dealer members in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha counties.

MTEF Will Continue to Build on Community Relationships

From Page 2 serve as their road map for life through personal fitness, a healthy lifestyle, a centered mind, focus, and ball control. The ability to keep the ball in play is the expectation for all our kids, whether on or off the court.

Active preparation along with perfect practice will present greater opportunities in life for our youngsters along each of their journeys.

As we step further into 2017, MTEF will diligently pursue the following growth initiatives for our families:

- Broaden the goals of the MTEF organizational sustainability model
- Build partnership with other tennis and community serving organizations
- Implement greater pathways for our youth to introduce potential college options

Because our expanded direction requires partnership with local

organization, MTEF will continue our great relationships with the Milwaukee Public Library and, most recently, the Al Hurvis/ADAMM Education Foundation. These organizations focus on providing the key tools of academic continuity and a broader outreach to our middle school youth in urban Milwaukee. In reflection, growing up truly requires having these tools made available. MTEF will serve this purpose proudly.

I want to thank the MTEF for allowing me this opportunity to serve in this engaging role. Let us work together to light a fire in the hearts of our kids and to continue making a "racquet" in South-eastern Wisconsin!

Let me close with these words from Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett: "Chaos in the world brings uneasiness but it also allows the opportunity for creativity and growth."

Peace to you all,
Michael

LET'S RALLY!

REGIONAL EVENT SET FOR JULY 28

There'll be action aplenty when the MTEF/NJTL Regional Rally hits the courts at Milwaukee's Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St. on Friday, July 28. The event will be held from 1-3 p.m.

Obviously tennis will play a major role in the on-court activities as youngsters participate in drills and compete for prizes in games led by area teaching pros and MTEF instructors. Off-court activities include the opportunity to get involved in things such as art projects.

The rally, which typically draws up to 250 participants from the Greater Milwaukee area and beyond, is free and open to children of all ages and ability levels. Participants come not only from MTEF's summer sites, including those from the Summit Educational Foundation, but also other city and suburban tennis programs. Each youngster will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

"This event offers the Milwaukee youth we serve a *fun* conclusion to their summer and their MTEF experience," said Mike Levy, the foundation's executive director. "I'm really happy to see this blend of multicultural excitement in one place for a couple of hours.

For more information, call (414) 442-8195 or log onto the MTEF website, www.mtef.com.



Darren Hauck Photos



Tennis may be the primary focus of the rally but creative projects are part of the event as well.

WHO'LL BE THE CHAMPIONS?

TEAM CUP PROVIDES FLASHY FINALE TO SUMMER SESSION



Mike Levy, MTEF executive director, with one of last year's first place winners, Aubree Hansen.

In a decade-long tradition, MTEF will celebrate the end of its summer programming in spectacular fashion with a four-day tournament open to children of all ages and ability levels.

The event began on a much smaller scale as the Mayor's Cup in 2007 and involved only youngsters from MTEF's own summer sites. Now called the TEAM Cup, the event is presented by the MPS Division of Recreation and Community Services and offers youngsters an opportunity to compete not just among themselves but also with peers from similar Milwaukee area tennis programs and neighborhoods.

The highlight of the four-day event, which will run from Monday, July 31 to Thursday, August 3, will be the finals, awards ceremony and picnic on the last day. The event will be held at Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St.

Tournament play will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and from 8:30 a.m. until the awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Entry is free for participants in MTEF and MPS programs and \$20 per person for others. As is usual in junior tournaments, youngsters will compete by age and gender.

The tournament is part of MTEF's vision to build social cohesion through dedicated youth programs using the relationships that MTEF has developed with the many Milwaukee-area communities.

For more information, contact Mike Levy, Sr. by phone at (414) 731-5637 or email him at mlevy@mtef.com.

Registration is required and can be done online at www.mtef.com.

Board Notes



Balistreri



Schifano



Bortz



Colón



Haber

Colder's Co-owner Elected to Board

Thomas A. Balistreri was elected to MTEF's board of directors at its May 12 meeting. Balistreri is vice president-merchandising and a co-owner of Colder's Furniture and Appliances.

He is a graduate of Marquette University, where he earned a B.S. degree in electrical engineering.

Balistreri is a member of Western Racquet Club where he served on the board of directors from 2001 to 2004.

"I have been playing tennis since I was 10 years old," Balistreri said. "I rode my bike five miles to take a group lesson sponsored by [Milwaukee Public Schools].

The sport, he continued, has opened many doors for him over the years including the opportunity to meet "many outstanding people."

Balistreri currently is a member of the Potawatomi Area Council executive board, where he serves on the nominating, leadership breakfast and finance committees.

Balistreri also is a Boy Scout adult leader and serves as assistant scout master for Troop 183.

As an MTEF board member, he is interested in helping with fundraising events such as the annual Tennis Ball.

"I became interested in MTEF after attending the Ball two years ago where I learned of the group's mission," Balistreri said. "I really want to help bring tennis to those who may not have the opportunity to experience the benefits of learning a game that will help them throughout their lives.

He and his wife Debbie have two sons, Harrison and Richard.

Harrison played on the Marquette University High School golf team and graduated in May from Georgetown University.

Richard is a freshman at Marquette High where he is on the var-

sity reserve team. He plays USTA tournaments and is ranked in the Top 20 in the Boys 16s in Wisconsin.

Officers Update

As reported in the fall issue of *The Match*, Elizabeth Hornefer was elected as MTEF's first woman president at MTEF's annual meeting and Louise Jesse was approved to take over the post of secretary.

Shortly thereafter, Thomas O'Byrne, who was elected at the same meeting to another term as treasurer stepped down from that post. He will remain on the board.

Christopher Schifano was elected to fill the position at the board's December meeting. Robert (Reb) Bortz was approved as vice president at the same meeting.

Schifano is senior vice president and managing director wealth management/private banking at US Bank.

Bortz is a certified financial planner as well as founder and principal of Paramount Financial Strategies in Waukesha.

Haber and Colón Resign

Mike Haber and Pedro Colón, both of whom joined the board in 2011, recently resigned their directorships.

"I would like to sincerely thank Pedro and Mike for their many years of service on our board of directors," said MTEF President Beth Horneffer. "These gentlemen have been dedicated to our organization and passionate about improving the lives of Milwaukee youth. Mike traveled from Chicago to support our mission and Pedro's daughters, Lily and Julia, actually went through our program. On behalf of MTEF, we wish them the best and hope to see them at the Tennis Ball."

Con-GRAD-ulations

High School

Julian Loera
Pius XI High School
University of Dayton (Major: Biology)

Sydan Parker
Homestead High School
Valparaiso University (Major: Undecided)

Julian Rheams
Marquette University High School
Morehouse College (Major: Undecided)

8th Grade /Middle School

Kisanyae Calvert
Believers in Christ Christian Academy
Kenosha Indian Trails High School

Samiyah Braylock
Education Ease
Pius XI High School

Zohair Badani
Eastbrook Academy
Eastbrook Academy High School

Tennis Ball Goal: Net \$150,000 to Support TEAM Programming

From Page 1 much as 25% of MTEF's programming budget, which means its success is critical to the success of the foundation itself – helping underserved youth become not only competent tennis players but also and more importantly well-rounded human beings who are role models in the community.

MTEF President Beth Horneffer had this to say:

"The Tennis Ball is always a wonderful event.

We've had terrific support from the Milwaukee tennis community for the past 18 years. I hope that many state league teams celebrate their summer season by forming a table this year and joining us at the Pfister."

MTEF is fortunate to have Danny Westerman, head men's tennis coach at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as the event's honorary chair. Westerman, who led his 28th ranked Badger squad to the second round of the NCAA Championships earlier this year, started his tennis career as a participant in an NJTL chapter very much like MTEF.

He grew up in West Hollywood, CA and started playing tennis with his father at a park across the street from his home, which offered an NJTL program to introduce youngsters to tennis. His parents, he said in an email, signed him up.

Westerman continued to play in the NJTL/Park Leagues team events until he was 10 or 11, he said, including an individual tournament at UCLA for NJTL participants.

Where does his story go from there? Obviously, it's an interesting road from playing in the NJTL to being the varsity tennis coach at your alma mater. Suffice it to say, that road will be traveled at the Tennis Ball.

"I am extremely excited and flattered to be the honorary chair



Danny Westerman (left) with his wife Elizabeth and MTEF Vice President Reb Bortz at the 2016 MTEF Tennis Ball.

Mary Fran Cahill

for the MTEF gala," Westerman said. "I am very lucky to still be involved in tennis and have the opportunity to give back to the game that gave me so much.

"The MTEF organization is first class and has introduced tennis to kids who may not have had the chance otherwise," he added. "I am excited to share a little bit about my story, hopefully inspire some kids and encourage as many people as possible to get involved and support MTEF."

As usual, the event will kick off with cocktails and a silent auction at 6 p.m., with a multi-course gourmet dinner, informational program and live auction to follow.

If this year's ball follows form, the silent auction will have a wide range of items ranging from tennis equipment and lessons to artworks, sports memorabilia, collectibles and more. The live auction has, in the past, featured bigticket items such as premium tickets to Grand Slam tournament – think the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open – along with trips and stays in luxurious vacation homes in Florida and Arizona.

Steve (the Homer) True again will be the evening's emcee.

Schifano and her committee have set lofty goals for the Ball – at least \$150,000 profit and 300 attendees.

Individual tickets are priced at \$150. Corporate and individual table sponsorships are available in packages ranging in price from \$500 to \$10,000. The top categories include a table of eight along with varying promotional opportunities prior to and at the Ball depending upon level.

For more information on sponsorships or to purchase tickets, visit www.mtef.com or call (414) 442-8195.

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Homestead High School

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Lake Bluff Elementary School

*3.5 or above

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Happenings

Subject to Change

June 14: TEAM Volunteers Orientation. Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club. 3 -4 p.m.

June 19: Summer TEAM program begins. Multiple sites.

June 21: USTA Jr. Team Tennis begins. Runs through August 7.

July 9: Entry deadline for the NJTL Essay Contest.

July 28: 15th Annual NJTL Regional Rally. Merrill Park. 1 - 3 p.m.

July 31-August 1: MTEF TEAM Cup Tournament Early Rounds. Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St. All day.

August 2: 3rd Annual Orange Ball 10 & Under Tournament. Merrill Park. 9 a.m. - noon.

August 3: MTEF TEAM Cup Tournament Finals. Merrill Park. 9 a.m. Followed by awards ceremony at 11 a.m. and picnic at noon.

August 11: TEAM Up for Tennis fundraiser. Western Racquet Club, 1800 Highland Drive, Elm Grove. 6 p.m.

Oct. 7: 19th Annual MTEF Tennis Ball. Pfister Hotel, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave. 6 p.m. - midnight

Oct. 13: Fall HP TEAM program begins. Helfaer Tennis & Recreation Center, 525 N. 16th St.

Oct. 14: Fall USTA Jr. Team Tennis begins. Moorland Tennis and Pickleball Club, 2900 S. 163rd St., New Berlin.

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