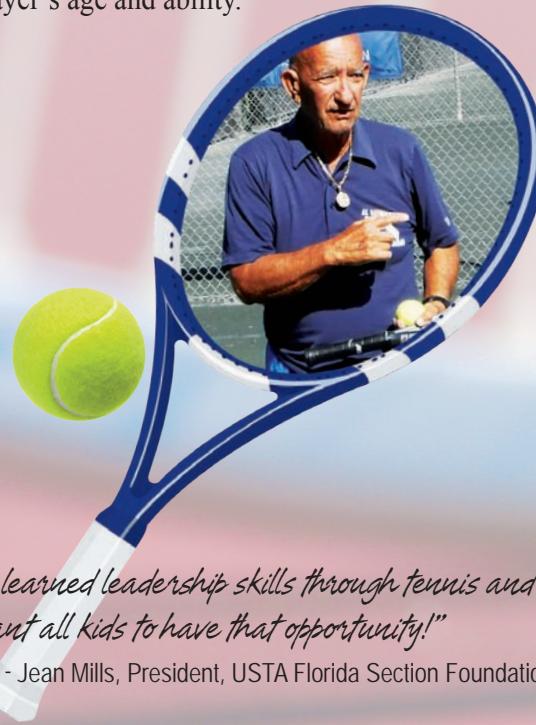




## Make A Difference In A Life

Partnering with the Florida Section of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) since 2004, the USTA Florida Section Foundation supports community-based tennis programs that develop character and human potential, regardless of a player's age and ability.



*"I learned leadership skills through tennis and want all kids to have that opportunity!"*

- Jean Mills, President, USTA Florida Section Foundation

### Community tennis programs are an investment.

Children and adults who participate in community tennis are far *less* likely to:

- require government-funded health care for obesity, smoking, or other heart-related problems
- drop out of high school, and require government assistance due to under-employment
- wind up in the criminal court system.

### Tennis produces taxpayers rather than tax users.

Tennis helps youth obtain college scholarships, and is associated with higher earnings in adults.

**Tennis provides opportunities for healthy social, emotional, physical and educational development.**

The Foundation makes grants for:

- community projects serving at-risk youth, seniors, challenged individuals, and others whose confidence and self-esteem is enhanced through the joy and discipline of tennis
- instruction, adaptive equipment, and court construction and renovation
- program development and scholarships.

## Rally Around The Love!

*"It's more than tennis .... tennis is the vehicle to help kids and adults develop life skills."*

- Jackie Keller, St. Petersburg Tennis Center



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*"There are so many worthwhile projects. The Foundation needs greater financial support to address them!"*

- Donn Davis, Past President, USTA Florida

**SERVE UP LOVE!**



**BUILD POTENTIAL PROVIDE HOPE**

*Improving the health and quality of life of Floridians through tennis*



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USTA Florida Section Foundation provides financial support that helps Floridians gain character, learn discipline, and revel in the joy of tennis. Special projects emphasize:

- at-risk children in after-school programs
- challenged children and adults
- seniors whose budgets don't stretch far enough, and others who improve their health and quality of life through tennis.

## Be A Kid's Safety Net

Neshele Scott (right) began playing tennis with Jacksonville's Mal Washington Kids Foundation in 4th grade.

### Neshele learned more than tennis.

"When I started, I was an over dramatic kid with a bad attitude," she says. She was mentored personally and professionally, and became an office assistant at the tennis center before going to college.

**The program changed her life.** "I became an overall better person .... with confidence, and the belief that I can do anything I set my mind to," she said.

*"I now know the best way to judge people is by their hearts, and not by the color of their skin."*

- Neshele Scott, Jacksonville's Mal Washington Foundation Tennis Program Graduate



## Give Someone A Second Serve

Jeffrey played tennis since age six. In his early 40's he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and became so depressed he could not get out of bed. A friend convinced him to watch a wheelchair tennis match at Clearwater Parks and Recreation. Before long, he was playing again!

"In less than a year, I placed in national tournaments. More importantly, I won back the joy in my heart, realizing there is still a lot of life to live!"

### Adaptive tennis equipment is expensive.

Persons with certain types of challenges may require special chairs, nets and racquets. For every physically challenged tennis player in the state, there are many others who could participate if equipment and community instruction was readily available.

**The Foundation makes grants to highly specialized community programs that help people like Jeffrey and Neshele connect with others, and experience a more enriched life through tennis.**

The Foundation helps able-bodied and challenged individuals gain, or re-gain, confidence. Youth learn discipline and teamwork, and adults and seniors build self-esteem and friendships.



*"The Foundation carries out USTA Florida's charitable purposes. We need your support!"*

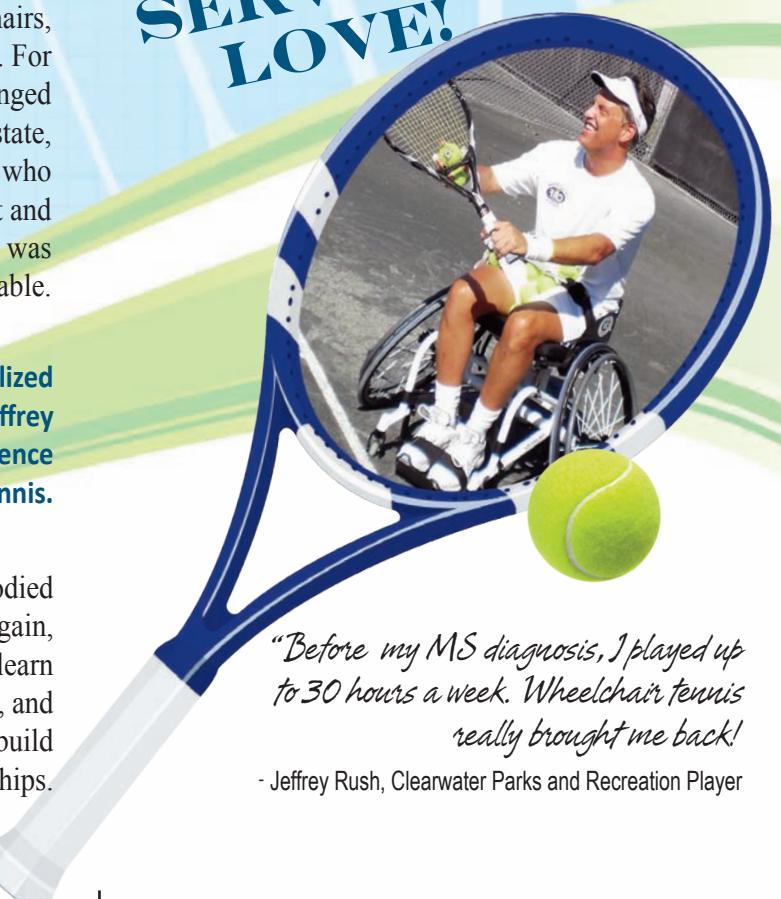
- Doug Booth, USTA Florida Executive Director

## Please Join Us!

The Foundation makes grants to community tennis programs offered throughout the state using contributed dollars. The Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors selects the recipients from written applications.

Funded programs are often located in economically depressed neighborhoods and encourage volunteer participation.

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*"Before my MS diagnosis, I played up to 30 hours a week. Wheelchair tennis really brought me back!"*

- Jeffrey Rush, Clearwater Parks and Recreation Player