



Message From The President

Since 1993, Prince George's Tennis & Education Foundation, (PGTEF), has introduced tennis to thousands of youngsters in their schools, churches and parks. Hundreds of youngsters continued their tennis and academic pursuits and were admitted to college with academic and/or athletic scholarships. Some of those students have received their Doctorate and Master's degrees. Most significantly, all of them are productive citizens, contributing to the quality of life in Prince George's County. They are the foundation of the PGTEF legacy of commitment to excellence.

This year, despite the challenges of COVID, PGTEF continued its legacy of excellence by making adjustments and bringing tennis to our students both virtually and in person.

As you will see in the following report we ended the year very positively, both with our programs and financially. I look forward to another solid year in 2022.

Brenda J. Gilmore

PROGRAMS

After School Outreach

We held virtual tennis and academic afterschool programs for students at Dent Elementary School and Key Elementary School. Classes were held twice a week for 32 weeks for 33 students.

Academy

Available tennis court time and the number of students permitted on court at Watkins Tennis Bubble was diminished significantly due to COVID. This had a definite effect on the level of participation in the Academy. Participation started very slow but markedly increased during the summer and continued for the rest of the year. By the end of the year there were 62 students that had participated in Academy classes. That is 98% of the number of participants we had before COVID.

Wheelchair Tennis

National Rehabilitation Hospital contracted PGTEF to provide wheelchair tennis clinics once a week for 2 hours for 24 weeks. The program started with 6 players and ended the year with 16 participants.

Alumni

The PGTEF Alumni Association was formed and has been designated in the bylaws as a permanent committee. The Association played a major role in the success of the PGTEF Day fundraiser.

We had 3 high school seniors in the Academy. All 3 graduated and went on to college. In addition, 3 PGTEF alumni graduated from college, 2 with Master's Degrees and one with a Bachelor's Degree.

OPERATIONS

Staff

Former assistant coach Kevin Murphy became the head coach. Two PGTEF alumni were hired to assist him.

Board

The bylaws were revised, updated and passed by the Board of Directors.

Fundraising

We had 3 primary fundraisers: PGTEF Day in July, Brenda's Birthday in November, and a direct mailing in December. The 3 fundraisers combined raised over \$25,000.

We received grants of \$5,000 or more from Fight For Children, Nike, the USTA, and Prince George's County Council.

Social Media

Kay Sinee Media Strategies was hired to provide social media campaigns. The results have been very positive. The increase in exposure through social media has attracted new donors.

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