



USTA AWARDS \$50,000 IN WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM GRANTS TO 16 PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE

Grants Target Organizations Involved in Growing Wheelchair Tennis In Local Communities

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., December 15, 2011 – The USTA announced today that, for the fourth consecutive year, it is awarding \$50,000 in USTA Grassroots Wheelchair Program Grants to 16 wheelchair tennis programs across the country. Grants were awarded to local organizations that promote and develop the growth of wheelchair tennis and use the sport of tennis to build stronger, healthier communities. Since the inaugural grants in 2008, the total pool of USTA wheelchair tennis grant money has increased each year.

Grant amounts were based on each program's existing budget and the future programming needs of the organization. Recipients can use the award to fund a variety of needs, including coaching, court time, equipment, recruitment and events (tournaments, camps, etc.).

“We are thrilled to again recognize local organizations across the country that are committed to promoting and growing wheelchair tennis,” said Dan James, USTA National Manager, Wheelchair Tennis. “These grants are just a part of our continued efforts in supporting important programs that reach out to the wheelchair community through tennis and assist in the development of the sport. The USTA is proud to honor these organizations that show such passion for wheelchair tennis.”

The USTA grants are being awarded to the following organizations:

- Apex Park & Recreation District–Arvada Tennis Center, Arvada, Colo.
- Barshop Jewish Community Center of San Antonio, San Antonio, Tex.
- Colorado Wheelchair Tennis Foundation, Denver, Colo.
- Gene Orlando’s Wheelchair Tennis Program, Lansing, Mich.
- Georgia Tennis Foundation, Atlanta
- Grand Rapids Wheelchair Sports Association, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Henry County Parks & Recreation, Locust Grove, Ga.
- Idaho Wheelchair Tennis Association, Boise, Idaho
- IMPAKT Tennis, Corte Madera, Calif.
- Richmond Tennis Association, Richmond, Va.
- The Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- USTA Southern Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.
- Walton Foundation for Independence, Augusta, Ga.
- West Coast Wheelchair Tennis Association, Woodland Hills, Calif.
- Wheelchair Sports Federation, Middle Village, N.Y.

Additional USTA Wheelchair Tennis Grant opportunities will be announced in 2012. Organizations that are interested in starting a wheelchair tennis program or would like more information about wheelchair tennis can email wheelchairinfo@usta.com.

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The **USTA** is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 750,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Olympus US Open Series linking 10 summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns the 90-plus Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S, and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA philanthropic entity, USTA Serves, provides grants and scholarships and helps underserved youth and people with disabilities. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com, "like" the official Facebook page facebook.com/usta or follow @usta on Twitter.

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