

WHY

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Youth need safe, fun, engaging opportunities to develop a passion for lifelong, healthy activity.

MENTORS

Youth need caring, supportive adults to expand the world of what is possible for them.

COMMUNITY

Young people need to feel valued and have a sense of belonging within nurturing communities.



2026 CASE BRIEF

INNERCITYTENNIS
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CITIES ACADEMY

2026 Goal: 1,200 total players, one-third of whom receive financial support

\$220: Support one player for one 7-week session

Cities Academy is our year-round, value-centric tennis training program for youth players of all levels, many of whom receive need-based financial assistance.

NEXTGEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

2026 Goal: 280 community service hours

\$25,000: Fully fund the NextGen Program Manager

The off-court complement for teens in Cities Academy, NextGen combines youth-directed community service, academic support, career exploration, and more.

EXCELLENCE TEAM

2026 Goal: Eight players who are top 15 in the USTA Northern Section for age and gender

\$400: Support one player's travel and fees for one regional tournament

Our whole-person tennis performance program combines academic support, community service, and sport training to ensure that the best coaching and resources are available to all youth with elite athletic potential and desire.

"A mountain of evidence documents the physical, mental, social, emotional, cognitive, and academic benefits that are provided to youth whose bodies are in motion. Physically active children are 1/10 less likely to be obese, smoke less, use illegal drugs less, have risky sex less, are less likely to suffer depression, have up to 40% higher test scores, and are 15% more likely to go to college."

- Aspen Institute.



\$690,000

Total 2026 Charitable Need

Your support now is vital to setting us up for mission-impact success throughout 2026.

GIVING OPTIONS

- **General Support:** allow us to allocate funds where the need is greatest.
- **Program Direction:** direct your gift to the specific program you are most passionate about.

GIVE NOW

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www.innercitytennis.org/donate



ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

ICT accepts support through several tax-advantageous methods:

- Distributions from Donor Advised Funds and Family Foundations.
- Gifts of appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds).
- Distributions from qualified retirement plans, including as part of a Required Minimum Distribution.

With any questions, contact ICT Associate Director John Bussey at john.bussey@innercitytennis.org.

SUPER SATURDAYS

2026 Goal: 200 participants per session for 19 sessions

\$1,700: Fully fund one 3-hour session

Our free, fast-paced, volunteer-driven weekend program for ages 3-18. It is an incredible way for kids to make friends and be active with coaches who challenge and support them.

TENNIS IN THE SCHOOLS

2026 Goal: To coach 4,000 students for at least 4 weeks each

\$16,500: "Adopt-a-school"

Our community coaches deliver top-tier, multi-week tennis programming and academic tutoring support at ten Minneapolis schools and with exceptional community partners.

TENNIS IN THE PARKS

2026 Goal: 1000 kids play tennis in their neighborhood park

\$60: Fully support one player for one 1-week session

In its 75th year and with 18 Minneapolis park locations in 2026, Summer Tennis in the Parks is one of Minneapolis' most accessible and impactful youth development through sports programs.

"Research has found that young people who experience strong developmental relationships across different parts of their lives are more likely to show signs of positive development in many areas, including increased academic motivation, increased social-emotional growth and learning, increased sense of personal responsibility, and reduced engagement in a variety of high-risk behaviors."

- The Search Institute.

