



INNERCITY TENNIS

OUR MISSION

We develop and unleash the potential of youth on and off the tennis court by engaging and serving a supportive community.

OUR VALUES

Enthusiasm, Integrity, Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility, Service, Teamwork

HOW

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Youth need safe, fun, compelling opportunities to develop passion for lifelong healthy activities.

MENTORS

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

COMMUNITY

Youth need to matter in and belong to nurturing communities.

THE NEED

"A mountain of evidence now documents the physical, mental, social, emotional, cognitive and academic benefits that flow to youth whose bodies are in motion. Physically active children are 1/10 as 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,
PROJECT PLAY**

"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."

**SEARCH INSTITUTE,
DEVELOPMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS**

"School performance, public health, crime rates, clinical depression, tax compliance, philanthropy, race relations, community development, census returns, teen suicide, economic productivity, campaign finance, even simple human happiness - all are demonstrably affected by how (and whether) we connect with our family and friends and neighbors."

**ROBERT PUTNAM,
BOWLING ALONE**



MISSION DRIVEN PROGRAMS

CITIES ACADEMY

2024 PARTICIPATION GOAL: 1,200

2024 SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET \$50,000

Cities Academy is our year-round, out-of-school-time tennis program for developing and competitive youth players, many of whom receive need-based scholarships. More than half of participants continue their participation the following year.

EXCELLENCE TEAM

2023 PARTICIPANTS: 18

2024 PROGRAM BUDGET \$148,000

The Excellence Program ensures that the best coaching and resources are available to kids with top-level desire and athletic potential, and who otherwise could not afford to make the most of their talents.

TENNIS IN THE PARKS

2024 PARTICIPATION GOAL: 2,600

2024 SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET \$30,000

In 2023, Summer Tennis in the Parks spread across 21 Minneapolis Parks, continuing to be among Minneapolis most accessible, impactful youth-development-through-sports programs as it intertwines tennis fundamentals with youth development, fun, and positive relationships with peers and quality coaching staff.

SUPER SATURDAYS

2024 PARTICIPATION GOAL: 2,500

2024 PROGRAM BUDGET \$41,000

A fast-paced, fun-filled afternoon for kids age 3-18, Super Saturdays is free for participants, led by generous volunteers, and takes place twice a month.

Super Saturdays has seen a **147%** increase in participation in 2023. Of the children served, **75%** of participants are new to the program.

SCHOOLS + PARTNERS

2023 PARTICIPANTS: 1,900

2024 PROGRAM BUDGET: \$322,000

Through our Schools + Partners Programs our coaches facilitate top-class tennis + education programming in Minneapolis Schools and through incredible community partners.

In 2023, our Schools + Partners programs expanded exponentially, including providing free-of-cost, summer-long programming at four sites through MPS Community Education / Extended School Day. We look forward to building further on that foundation in 2024, adding four more sites to our schedule.



SCAN FOR

WAYS TO
GIVE



All InnerCity Tennis administrative and fundraising expenses are paid through fee-for-service programs; every dollar charitably given directly supports scholarships and community programs.

