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ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Todd Martin Youth Leadership exists to prepare young people, especially those from under-resourced families and communities, for success as individuals and as active, responsible citizens through innovative tennis, education, life skills, and leadership development programming.


A WORD FROM TODD

All across America, and throughout the Lansing area, children are (unknowingly) in search of opportunities to be challenged, guided, and nurtured. Historically, sports has served as a vehicle to keep young people on the “straight and narrow”. With all of the distractions in the world today and cracks in the family unit, more needs to be done than the simple provision of a ball, court/field, bat, etc. This is why TMYL exists – to provide children with an outlet, an environment, a mentor, a friend....

Our program has grown to include a summer tennis and leadership program that provides a perfect mix of fun, exploration and leadership development for children all summer; a summer tutoring program that helps our children avoid backsliding in academic achievement come the start of the next school year; and, an afterschool program for a core group of our children to provide them with ongoing homework help, tennis instruction, and mastery of leadership and life skills. All of this is conducted in a safe environment between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 (the most vulnerable time for kids to get into trouble while their parents are at work). These are the tools that will take them successfully through their lives. There’s even a Friday night tennis program for our young players to maintain their ability level and knowledge as players throughout the year.

That is the WHY of what we do. You are the HOW. As donors, members, sponsors and volunteers we recognize your support as paramount to our ability to serve the children. We want to share here our year with you and what you have allowed us to achieve. Thank you from all of us involved: founder, directors, staff and most of all the children and families we serve.

With heartfelt gratitude and greetings,



Todd C. Martin



HONORING SUE SELKE...



Todd Martin Youth Leadership recognizes Sue Selke for the tremendous role she has played in the organization and the Lansing community for decades. Sue was there at the inception of the then Todd Martin Development Fund helping to shape the organizational details and ensure the program was well underway with good instruction and quality programming.

Sue is well-known in the Lansing community for her dedication to the sport of tennis and teaching the sport she loves. Sue brings her passion for tennis and youth to the TMYL board; constantly pushing her fellow board members to consider the implications of what is discussed at each meeting on the sport and our youth.

Sue’s passion is seen in her commitment to tennis, Todd Martin Youth Leadership, and spreading her enthusiasm for active living and wellness. Todd Martin asserts that Sue is, “...one of the most committed people” he has ever met. He adds, “Sue has been dedicated to the TMYL mission for 20+ years now. Her service to the organization is on multiple levels – from a representative of Court One, a board member, and educator.”

Former board member, Jim Shrier, describes Sue as “selfless” and notes that, “she has undoubtedly logged more volunteer hours for TMYL than anyone in the organization’s 20+ year history.” He goes on to say that in addition to her work with TMYL, “Sue has done an incredible amount to promote the sport of tennis in the Lansing area.” Garrison Thompson, former program participant and current TMYL Director of Tennis, echoes these sentiments; “I have seen Sue drop everything and take time out of her extremely busy day to help whenever and however she can with Todd Martin Youth Leadership.”

Sue has and continues to play an integral role in various dimensions of the organization, but one of her greatest influences can be seen at the annual TMYL Fall Fundraiser. According to Dave Brogan, former president of the board of directors, “Our fundraisers have depended on her contacts, administrative ability, recruitment of players, as well as facility support.” TMYL relies heavily on the funds raised at the annual fundraiser to run its programs for Lansing’s youth. Without Sue’s work and leadership at the fundraisers the organization would not be where it is today.

The Lansing community, the sport of tennis, and Todd Martin Youth Leadership are forever indebted to Sue Selke for her selfless dedication and commitment to tennis and youth. Todd Martin says it best: “Sue Selke is one of our community’s best and we should all be thankful that she shares her talents with us.”

Thank you Sue for sharing your time, talents, and passion!

2014 TMYL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

About NJTL: The USTA/National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) network is a nation-wide group of community tennis organizations seeking to develop the character of young people through tennis and education. Todd Martin Youth Leadership is one of only 41 NJTL First Serve chapters offering full service programming that includes tennis instruction, student athlete competition for scholarships, leadership and life skills curriculum and graduation, academic tutoring and homework help.

Letts Community Center hosts the after school program while Dean Transportation generously provided bus transportation for our students to come from their home school to our program. In an effort to enhance the quality of the experience our participants receive, the TMYL staff worked diligently over the summer and early fall to improve the program curriculum. The goal of the curriculum re-write was to improve the participants depth of knowledge of each of the important topics covered in the life skills curriculum. In order to do this, age-appropriate, hands-on, activity-based lessons were developed for each level of our program.



TODD MARTIN DEVELOPMENT FUND ENDOWMENT

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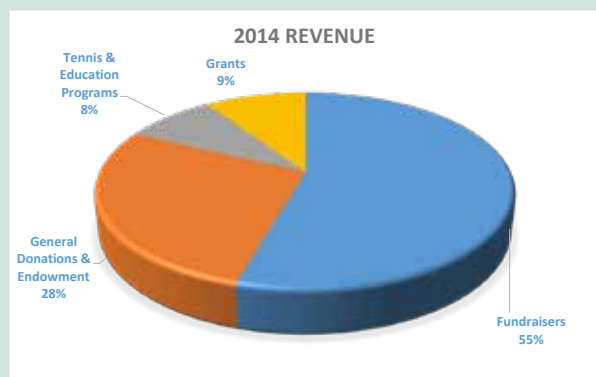
CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUE

Contributions	\$3,029.12
Net Gain on Investments.....	\$6,834.95
TOTAL Contributions & Revenue	\$23,257.70

EXPENDITURES

Grants to General Operating Fund.....	\$15,600.00
Foundation Administrative Fees.....	\$3,900.00
TOTAL Expenditures	\$19,500.00
Net Assets beginning 1/1/2014	\$438,946.18
Change in Net Assets.....	\$3,757.70
Net Assets ending 12/31/2014.....	\$442,703.88

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET



TMYL SUMMER PROGRAMS 2014

Session 1: June 9–July 11; Session 2: July 14–August 8

During the summer programs, area youth, ages 8 to 18, learned tennis fundamentals, attended leadership and life skills sessions, and took part in weekly field trips designed to broaden their horizons. All this took place at Eastern High School, Letts Community Center, Quentin Park, Wainwright Elementary School and Lansing Catholic High School.

National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) focuses on development and competition of beginner and intermediate players starting with the new Quick Start Tennis approach and progressing to traditional size courts and full compression balls. Local Excellence helps motivated high school players mature in the sport and addresses their personal skill development and court strategy. Match play is emphasized to put into practice these skills and strategies.



STAFF

Garrison Thompson, *Director of Tennis, Eastern High School Site Director*

Nathan Janick, *Quentin Park Site Director*

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Connor Dalton, Mia Flynn, Renee Hoekstra, Becca Hurth, Steve Manciu, Marissa Messenger, Olivia Moreau, Damaris Shaffer, Rebecca Swan, Maria Thelen, Calvin Tomaschko, Zack Weber

Junior Leaders: Chris Bon, Brandon Haarer, Brianna Henderson, Adam Johnson



COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPETITION

This summer we introduced a new and fun competition to get our participants involved in the Lansing community. All sites collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan, and the site that collected the most pop tabs each session won a pizza party. At the end of the summer, several participants and staff took all the pop tabs collected by TMYL to the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan and took a tour of the house.



TMYL SUMMER TUTORING

Our new summer tutoring program served 11 youth throughout the summer months and provided academic support two days a week for two hours a day. The program was staffed by a team of tutors, which included educators and highly accomplished college students. Each student was paired with a tutor and the two worked together throughout the summer to improve their academic performance. The small tutor to student ratio allowed TMYL staff to provide individualized attention and support. In addition to working on academic needs, students had access to the library at Foster Community Center and utilized this opportunity to check out books to read at home throughout the summer.

An individualized tutoring plan was developed for each student by the tutoring director, a former educator, based on information from the parents, report cards, and teachers. The plan was tweaked throughout the year as tutors continually assessed the needs and strengths of each student.

The tutoring program was a great success and both parents and students were pleased with the results. The program will be offered again during the summer of 2015.

Summer Tutors: Paul Carrier, Nathan Janick, Andy Miness, Katie Miness, David Richter, Rebecca Swan, Calvin Tomaschko, Zach Weber

2014 SCHOOL YEAR TENNIS PROGRAM AT MSU TENNIS CENTER

Todd Martin Youth Leadership's School Year Program at Michigan State University Tennis Center provides youth, ages 8-18, to continue to learn and hone their skills. The NJTL program for 8-12 and 13-18 year olds is a tennis development program that focuses on development and competition of the beginner and intermediate players. Local Excellence Training is a tennis program designed for local high school students looking to better their game through match play, match strategy, drill sessions, and conditioning. The program is offered in cooperation with Michigan State University Tennis Center and the instructors are TMYL staff.



Israel's Story

Israel Trevino immediately draws you in with his maturity, poise and respectful demeanor. Director of Tennis, Garrison Thompson, comments that Israel is the person, "...everyone can count on for a 'Hello, how is your day?'" Upon starting a conversation with Israel, his intelligence and dry, witty humor quickly becomes evident.

Through his participation in TMYL's After School Program Israel has had the opportunity to develop his leadership skills. "He has gone from silently supporting his peers to taking the lead in any situation and showing them the proper way to complete a task," comments Garrison Thompson. Israel's evolution into an invaluable leader for the TMYL program has been evidenced by many, including staff member and High School Coordinator, Calvin Tomaschko, who comments, "Israel pushes his peers to be better, but does so in a fun way."

In addition to maturing as a successful individual, Israel has become a skillful tennis player, improving tremendously during his time as a participant in TMYL programs. Israel now plays in Friday Night Tennis, the After School Program, the Summer Program, Junior Team Tennis and practices with his High School Tennis Team and will play next fall on the team. "He is one of our higher level players and continues to improve his skills," states Garrison. While this improvement can surely be attributed to his participation in the myriad of programs offered by TMYL, it is also a result of Israel's fierce determination. "He does not waste an opportunity to practice whether it be hitting off a wall or finding a partner to practice," comments Garrison. Israel's mother adds, "He is always looking for opportunities to improve his skills and have fun. Within the past three years I have noticed a distinct drive to play, improve, and hone his tennis skills."

Israel's mother is very grateful for the support and opportunities provided by TMYL, including trips to Indianapolis, Butler University, Northwestern University, Junior Team Tennis, and educational field trips. Israel has earned each and every opportunity that has been offered to him by continually working hard and respecting everyone: peers and staff alike.

Todd Martin Youth Leadership is proud of the tennis player Israel is, but more importantly, of the young man he is becoming. Every staff and participant that comes into contact with Israel is better for having met him; we cannot wait to see all that Israel will do in the future.



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Todd Martin Youth Leadership... I can't say enough good things about TMYL. My daughter has learned so much from this program. JoJo has not only learned how to play and enjoy tennis, but she feels more confident in all that she does. Her respect for Mrs. Nancy and the coaches is evident in how highly she speaks of them. I know that she is in good hands, and that she is surrounded by positive, caring, uplifting, respectful and most importantly fun individuals, who are absolutely great role models for our young kids. I'm happy that JoJo is a part of this program.

— Lupe Dominguez



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