



TENNIS HAS TAUGHT ME TO
"Always try hard,
be observant
and have fun!"

100 BLACK MEN OF STAMFORD

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We need the support of the Stamford community who believe in tennis and are concerned with the challenges faced by disadvantaged youth. We need volunteers to help work with our players and we need financial support for the program to provide more instruction for more children.

For more information and to learn how you can assist, please contact:

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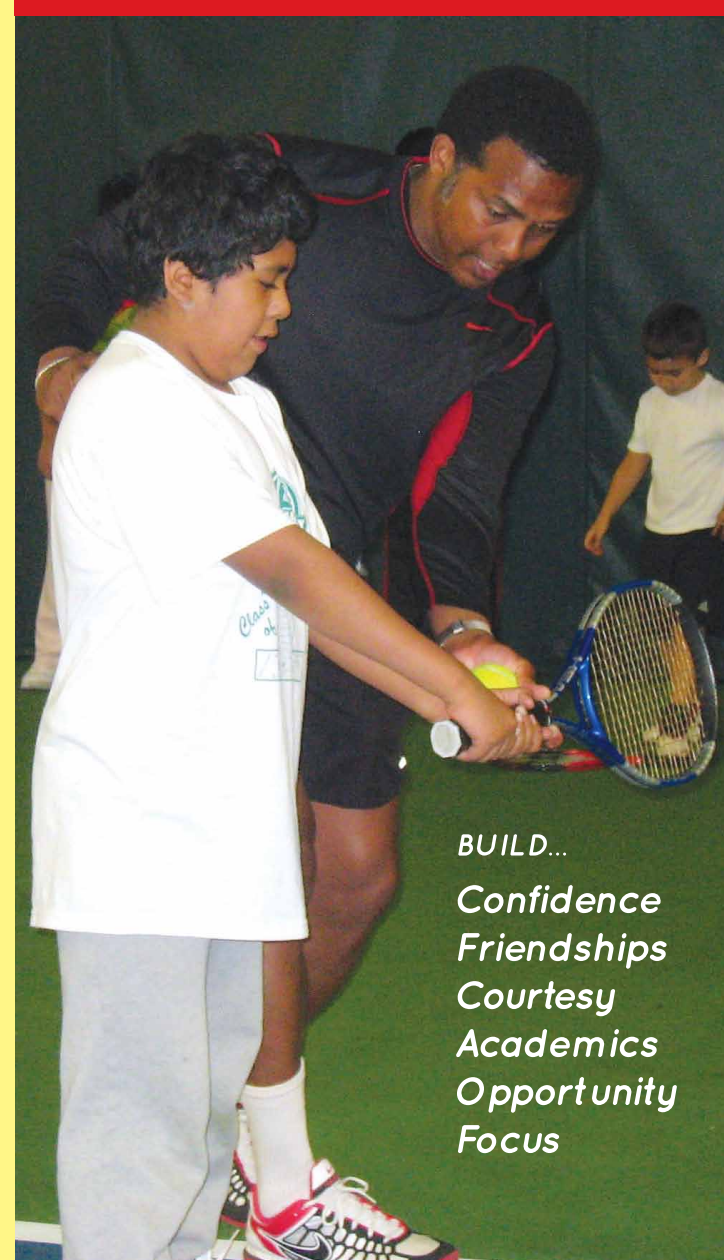
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WHAT THEY SEE IS WHAT THEY'LL BE

The Academy surrounds kids with a caring, encouraging and enthusiastic environment.

STAMFORD
YOUTH
TENNIS
ACADEMY

OF THE 100 BLACK MEN OF STAMFORD, INC.



BUILD...
Confidence
Friendships
Courtesy
Academics
Opportunity
Focus



WHAT TENNIS CAN DO FOR A YOUNG PERSON

Becoming a tennis player can transform the life of an underserved child. It rewards effort, dispels alienation and confers values, such as health, self-confidence, courtesy and relationships. It can lead to a place on a high school or college team, even to scholarships.

MISSION OF THE ACADEMY

The mission of the Stamford Youth Tennis Academy is to make it possible for Stamford young people to become tennis players without cost, and to use the relationships through tennis to teach life skills and help players achieve academic success.

OUR HISTORY

For eighteen years, the 100 Black Men of Stamford have conducted introductory summer tennis sessions in Stamford public parks. Now, with the support of the City of Stamford, the USTA and the Alliance For Inner-city Tennis, **the 100 Black Men have created the Academy to conduct an enlarged, competitive, free, year-round program to bring tennis to more disadvantaged kids.**

OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS US

- The City of Stamford provides us with the use of the newly refurbished courts at Cummings Park
- The Alliance For Inner-city Tennis and the USTA have given us seed money grants to help us grow
- Our experienced and enthusiastic certified coach has been teaching our players for nearly a year.
- The Shippan Racquet Club contributes court time throughout the winter
- Academy volunteers are writing grants, hitting with players, and performing vital administrative chores



JUNIOR TENNIS IN CONNECTICUT

Recent years have seen a remarkable growth in the inner-city tennis programs of Danbury, Norwalk, Bridgeport and New Haven. These programs bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars of matching outside foundation money to help local kids.

Stamford has a strong tennis community and a history of very active adult tennis. We believe it, too, is ready to support a well administered program for underserved youth.

