

DGT is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt Inner City Junior Tennis Program working together with Danbury's Housing Authority, Public School System, Hospital, and Park & Rec. Department, Coalition for Healthy Kids, the USTA, and citizens concerned with the challenges faced by Danbury's youth.

SUMMER RECAP

DGT enjoyed another successful and eventful summer at the Rogers Park courts. Our kids worked very hard Monday-Friday on both their tennis and conditioning. They trained for the YMCA 1 Mile Kid's Race that all DGT kids were required to run in on September 11. We had practice mile runs 2-3 times a week in addition to tennis practice and fun conditioning. We were extremely proud of our kids who set goals before the race and loved their first official race experience! Jason also did a great job in completing the 10k Race just after the Kid's Race!



YMCA 1 Mile Kid's Race September 11, 2010

Every Monday throughout the summer, Amanda Beatty from Silver Spring C.C. drove kids to Rogers Park to play a friendly match against DGT. DGT also had a fun match against NGT in Danbury where all levels and ages competed.

DGT's staff and volunteers did an incredible job all summer working with the children on and off court. Our kids thoroughly enjoyed countless events: Boot Camp and BBQ, Tie Dye shirt making, garbage clean up once a week, guest speaker (Nancy Salem) a nutritionist from Danbury Hospital, team building activities, and the 2nd Annual DGT tournament and Awards banquet. A huge thank you to Jason DiStasio, Natalie Bruno, Alan Webb, Soichi, Emily, Tommy Knortz, and Sean and Tommy Inouye for your enthusiasm and support.



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Tadeu Bonini

- 2010 DGT & Abbott Tech High School graduate
- Played #1 Singles for Abbott Tech High School
- Undefeated in regular season
- Upset a seed in state tournament
- Currently Pre-Med at a University in Sao Paulo, Brazil

TUTORING & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Last summer DGT established the Summer Enrichment Program. Lynn Radford met once a week with DGT children needing additional help with reading and math. We are in the process of expanding the program this summer to more children and more days.

September of 2010 marked the start of our second full year of the Tutoring and Enrichment Program. It runs Monday- Thursday from 3:30- 6:00 helping kids not only with homework, but 30 minutes of extra reading as well as additional math work. DGT has been blessed with countless volunteers from local high schools and adults from local towns who have helped our kids improve their grades, DRA's, confidence levels, and motivation.

FIELD TRIPS

- **The King Tut Exhibition & Intrepid Museum** (New York) George Landegger sponsored the trip, providing 40 kids a once in a lifetime opportunity to see and learn all about King Tut as well as a tour and lunch aboard The Intrepid.
- **Pray Achievement Center** (Bedford, NY) Sandy Arconti organized a tour of Mr. Pray's world class and unique antique car collection. The tour was followed by a lesson on entrepreneurship and achievement.
- **US Open Kids Day**- Dr. Pazer, Jason, Carl, Georgia, Emily, and Chris Radford chaperoned 25 DGT kids to watch tennis and meet some tennis stars.
- **The Hickories Farm** (Ridgefield)-Yoko Hirokawa & Lynn Radford took 12 kids to learn where fruits & vegetables come from and all about the farming process.



King Tut & Intrepid Museum Trip November 11, 2010

WINDRIDGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Devante Payton and Ailynn Suarez received a full scholarship for 2 weeks to the Windridge Camp in Vermont. They played tennis, soccer, enjoyed arts and crafts, and much more. They each had a great time, made new friends, and are incredibly grateful Windridge's owner Ted Hoehn for his generosity and to Walter Beatty for making it happen!

FUNDRAISERS

4th Annual Grow with Tennis Women's Tennis Tournament at the Ridgfield Tennis Club (July 16-17, 2010)

Congrats to the winners Mary Stainken & Anna Zohn (Green flight) and Sharon Bloom & Michelle Ramirez (Blue flight). The event kicked off with a Hawaiian themed cocktail party the night before filled with tennis, food and drink. The next day 32 ladies braved the heat for a morning of tennis, lunch, and auction. A huge thank you to our generous sponsors, auction donors, and fundraising committee. We couldn't have done it without you!

3rd Annual Golfing for Grassroots at the Ridgewood Country Club (September 20, 2010)

Under sunny, blue skies 92 men and women spent the afternoon golfing in support of DGT. Dinner followed, during which guest speaker Barbara Potter spoke about her experience with DGT and the growth of the kids and program. The evening ended with a live auction. This event has quickly become an annual favorite, and again, the event would not happen without our loyal and generous sponsors, planning committee, enthusiastic golfers, event volunteers, auction donors & bidders, and the R.C.C. staff. We look forward to seeing you on September 19!

DGT Tennis Bracelets

Olivia Beatty & Samarah Cook, of Ridgfield, made DGT bracelets and sold them to local tennis clubs and residents to raise awareness and money for DGT. Thank you ladies!!

DGT HOLIDAY PARTY

DGT celebrated the holidays on December 21 with gifts generously donated by St. Stephens Church in Ridgfield (coordinated by Georgia Carrington) and unique stockings & stuffers donated by Melissa Brazill! Mike Scherer of New Fairfield personally catered a healthy dinner and brought local Mixed Martial Arts competitor, Ryan Quinn, to talk to the kids about training, diet, and healthy choices. Each DGT child went home with a pedometer, fitness band, and meal journal. We can't thank all of you enough for your kindness!

INDOOR TENNIS

Six DGT children are on Tier I scholarship at RTC from September- April, playing 2-3 times a week with RTC pros. In addition Tier II kids play every Wednesday with Lauren at RTC for 2 hours. Andy Bodner continues to be incredibly supportive of DGT by providing generous discounts for indoor play. The RTC staff and pros have been fantastic as usual in helping DGT kids improve and grow!

SAVE THE DATES!!

JULY 16, 2011- 5th Annual Grow with Tennis Cocktail Party & Women's Doubles Tournament

SEPT 19, 2011- 4th Annual Golfing for Grassroots at Ridgewood Country Club

APPRECIATION BOX

- ✓ Principals, teachers, counselors & social workers throughout Danbury for their school year support
- ✓ Wendy Burke at Broadview Middle School- day to day assistance with teacher/cluster meetings
- ✓ Perfect Racquet- Donating new sneakers to DGT!
- ✓ Glen McMurdo & Soichi Hirokawa- Restringing DGT racquets for free
- ✓ Jody Murray- Athletic Training and health advice

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Lynn Radford, Georgia Carrington, Yoko Hirokawa, Pam Higgins, Ellen Snyder, Peg Taylor, Cathy Perry, Mary Stainken, Brian Hatcher, Noreen Magill, Melissa Brazill, Wheethne Dorvil, Gina Arconti, Julian Moran, Mike Kiselak, Tommy Inouye,

Thanks again to everyone who has been involved with DGT; we look forward to seeing you soon. Stop by and watch our kids in action on the court and in the office!

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