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YOUTH TENNIS SAN DIEGO NAMED USTA ORGANIZATION MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Program at Barnes Tennis Center sees more than 700 kids play tennis weekly in San Diego

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., March 14, 2016 – The United States Tennis Association (USTA) today announced that Youth Tennis San Diego was recognized with the USTA Organization Member of the Year Award. The award is given annually to an organization that provides outstanding service to its members and to the local community. Youth Tennis San Diego was honored at the USTA Annual Meeting and Conference, March 11-14, at the Omni La Costa Resort & Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.

Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) is a nonprofit organization that promotes and develops tennis opportunities for junior players throughout San Diego County. The YTSD's mission is to promote the educational, physical and social development of all youth through organized tennis and educational activities. YTSD's commitment is that no child who wants to play tennis in San Diego will be turned away because of his or her inability to pay a fee.

YTSD celebrated its 60th anniversary of serving the youth of San Diego County in 2012. And this year, the organization celebrated 20 years of operation at its home base tennis facility, the Barnes Tennis Center. Since its formation in 1952, YTSD has conducted junior tournaments and hosted an annual junior awards banquet. Today, more than 700 kids play weekly in junior programs and more than 900 kids participate in junior tennis camps for eight weeks each summer. Kerry Blum is the executive director of Youth Tennis San Diego.

"The work that Kerry and her staff at Youth Tennis San Diego have done over the years is just remarkable. They offer a variety of play opportunities for players of all ages and abilities," said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. "It's a model local tennis organization that focuses on community engagement through grass-roots programming."

The USTA Annual Meeting and Conference brings together USTA leadership, national staff, national committee members and section volunteers and staff in pursuit of the USTA mission: to promote and develop the growth of tennis. Along with leadership and committee meetings, the Annual Meeting provides education opportunities for all attendees to develop and enhance their personal and professional skills and learn new ways to promote the game of tennis.

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 715,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest-attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Emirates Airline US Open Series, linking eight summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships and helps under-resourced youth and individuals with disabilities, and supports wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com, "like" the official Facebook page, [facebook.com/usta](https://www.facebook.com/usta), or follow @usta on Twitter.

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