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\$50,000 Gift Honoring Member Ralph Grieco Memorialized at The Carl E. Sanders Family YMCA at Buckhead & Georgia Tennis Foundation

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Atlanta – The National Men's Senior Tennis Association (nsmta.net), a qualified charitable 501(c) (3) organization, recently crossed 1,200 members, eclipsing their membership growth goals three years ahead of schedule. The organization anticipates welcoming over 2,000 members by the end of 2024.

"It's been my great pleasure to be involved with such a tremendous organization, and to be able to advance and promote the sport of tennis for all men over the age of 30," said NSMTA board member Dr. Noble Hendrix.

A recent Atlanta NSMTA member who passed, Ralph Grieco, was honored for his tireless work to bring tennis to anyone interested in playing, regardless of socioeconomic status. Hailing from very humble beginnings, Grieco used his passion for the game to garner scholarships to Rollins University, then Columbia University where he gained a Masters Degree in Engineering.

Recently, Mrs. Grieco donated \$50,000 in honor of Ralph to the NSMTA, which has benefitted The Carl E. Sanders Family YMCA at Buckhead, Ralph's home court, and the Georgia Tennis Foundation. Ralph was memorialized with a permanent plaque, with his mission inscribed, in part: "...to help teens who otherwise would not have the funds to learn or to further develop their skills."

"Tennis changed Ralph's life indelibly, and the access to tennis can ignite a passion and alter lives for the better in so many great ways," said Hendrix.

Tony Dawson -- a member of the NSMTA board of directors and former ATP tour player -- added, "In any other sport a 30-year-old wouldn't be considered close to a senior, but in tennis, a playing career has a very short lifespan. Our goal is to promote the great sport of tennis to people from all walks of life throughout the world, and showcase the sport as fun, accessible, and a great way to build fellowship and community."

Dawson added, "We want people to know about Ralph, as he personified our mission to bring tennis to people that otherwise wouldn't think it was a game they could access or play – to use tennis as a way to make your life and the lives of those around you, healthier, fun, and connected."



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About the National Senior Men's Tennis Association:

The purpose of the National Senior Men's Tennis Association is to foster tennis competition among senior men, ages 30 through 100+, on a nationwide basis. The NSMTA's primary goal is to increase interest, raise awareness of the health benefits from participation, improve the quality of senior events and provide support to other established charities serving underprivileged children and senior in the tennis community. We also aim to provide a forum for communicating with members, for exchanging information and ideas amongst members, and to provide input to the United States Tennis Association that would be of benefit to senior men's tennis.