




LTA Tennis
Foundation



PASS THE RACKET

Pass on your racket to future generations
by leaving a gift in your will to the
LTA Tennis Foundation





We understand how important a decision it is, to leave a gift in your will and we wanted to begin by saying thank you for considering the LTA Tennis Foundation (LTA TF).

A gift in your will to LTA Tennis Foundation will support us to improve lives through tennis, helping us to achieve our ambition of ensuring that every child, young person and adult can access the unique and life-changing benefits that tennis offers.

We know that tennis can bring so many benefits to people's lives, be they mental, physical or social, and with it truly being a game for all ages, it can improve the lives of so many.

We hope this booklet provides you with all the information you require when making such an important decision, but please do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you have any questions. You can reach us at fundraising@latennisfoundation.org.uk.

With many thanks,

Tom Gibbins,
Head of Foundation Development



MEET MAX AND IZZY

Max and Izzy are two young people whose lives have been changed by tennis. Max is 16 and Izzy is 15. Max is on the autistic spectrum and Izzy has a condition called DDx3x Syndrome which leads to intellectual disability and developmental delays.

Max and Izzy had very little involvement in sport. Max, who has three older brothers and would often attend sports sessions with his siblings but could not take part as the sessions were 'not suitable'. Izzy on the other hand had little interest in sport, with her mum stating that she "she felt foolish".

Thanks to a grant from the LTA Tennis Foundation, this all changed. Following a grant to Access Sport, a pan-disability tennis offering was created that provided tennis clubs who had not been able to develop

an inclusive-disability programme with the tools and knowledge they needed create and deliver a regular inclusive disability programme.

Max and Izzy took part in a tennis festival with newly trained coaches and now take part in regular training sessions with their new club, Team Bath.

And what has the impact been? Well Max's mum has said the tennis sessions have quickly become the highlight of Max's week and Izzy, the young girl who had little interest in sport, has grown in confidence and loves the sessions so much that she now wants to become a sports coach after college.

And what's more – Max and Izzy have become best friends, and who can put a value on that!



WHAT YOUR GIFT COULD DO

By leaving a gift in your will you could be enabling individuals, many from underserved communities, to enjoy the many benefits that tennis can bring.

We know that tennis improves lives. Detailed below are some examples of how a gift could make a difference.

£189

Could cover the costs of 14 tennis rackets included in an LTA SERVES equipment pack, enabling 14 children from underserved communities to play tennis.

£350

Could cover the costs of an equipment pack for the LTA's Open Court sessions. Enabling individuals with a disability the opportunity to access tennis.

£2,000

Could cover the cost of a grant to a community organisation supporting them to enable under-represented groups to play tennis.

£17,000

Could cover the costs of environmentally friendly flood lights for a court ensuring that local communities have a safe place to play.

£50,000

Could cover the costs of a new artificial grass tennis court, providing access to tennis to young people who have never played before.

£135,000

Could cover the costs of an air bubble turning an outside court into an inside court meaning communities can play all year round.



WHAT TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

The importance of making a will

Writing a will is important as it will ensure that your decisions and instructions with regards to your assets following your death are followed. It is important to note that nothing in this document is intended to be legal advice and you should always instruct a legal professional to help you.

The most important thing when writing a will is to ensure you are happy with what will be provided to your nearest and dearest – your friends and your family. It is also an opportunity to leave a gift to something that you feel passionate about, or something that has really impacted your own life.

Leaving a gift in your will will reduce the portion of your estate that will be subject to inheritance tax. Additionally, if you leave at least 10% of your estate to charity you could reduce the rate of inheritance tax charged on the rest of your estate from 40% to 36%. Please talk to a legal professional if you think that this is something that might impact you.

Types of gift

- **Residuary** – a residuary gift is when you leave a share of your estate after any debts, bills or taxes have been paid. A simple way to view it is as a percentage of everything you own. Leaving a residuary gift can allow you to leave a gift despite not knowing exactly what your future finances may look like.
- **Pecuniary** – a pecuniary gift is when you leave a set amount of money.
- **Specific** – a specific gift is a gift that is not money – usually a physical item e.g. a house, etc.
- **Reversionary** – a gift that is granted for a period of time to one beneficiary before going to another beneficiary e.g. a house is provided to someone to live until they leave, at which point it might be gifted to a charity.



I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE A GIFT IN MY WILL TO THE LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION

When leaving a gift in your will, it is important you consult a legal professional to ensure your wishes are followed and legally binding.

To aid you with those conversations, we have provided some suggested wording for you to use.

RESIDUARY GIFT:

“I give [amount in words] percent [amount in figures]% of the residue of my estate to the LTA Tennis Foundation of the LTA National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, London, SW15 5JQ, registered charity number 1148421 absolutely.”

PECUNIARY:

“I give the sum of [amount in words] pounds £[amount in figures] to the LTA Tennis Foundation of the LTA National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, London, SW15 5JQ, registered charity number 1148421 absolutely.”

SPECIFIC:

“I give [description of item or property] to the LTA Tennis Foundation of the LTA National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, London, SW15 5JQ, registered charity number 1148421 absolutely.”

REVERSIONARY:

You should speak with a legal professional for further guidance if you wish to make this type of gift.

ALREADY HAVE A WILL?

If you would like to make a gift to the LTA Tennis Foundation but already have a will, you can either prepare a new will which includes the gift or make a codicil which is a legal document that sits alongside your will and changes its effect without having to revisit the will itself. Please consult with a legal professional to determine the best option for you.

HOW LEAVING A GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: MEET VITO AND PAULINE

Vito and Pauline are married, but the nature of their relationship changed when Vito was diagnosed with Alzheimers and Pauline became his primary carer. Alzheimers can sadly be a very isolating illness – both for the patient and the carer and with one in 14 people over the age of 65 living with dementia, it is an illness that is impacting many throughout Great Britain.

To help support people like Vito and Pauline, the LTA Tennis Foundation has enabled the Queens Club Foundation to support senior individuals to play tennis – helping to address the issue of inactivity in older generations, while also supporting those living with isolating illnesses, such as Alzheimers.

The Seniors Tennis Group provides local older people with the opportunity to get active through weekly sessions that are adapted to the individual, making them suitable for all in attendance.

Neither Pauline or Vito had played tennis since school, but despite this they are taking so much from the sessions. Pauline said of Vito “he really enjoys talking to people, he was a Barber, so he is used to talking to people all day. It can be very isolating when someone has Alzheimer’s, so he doesn’t tend to interact with a lot of people, so he likes to chat a lot when we are here!”

But is not just Vito who is benefiting. Through the tennis sessions they have met another couple in similar circumstances – providing Pauline with a listening ear and empathy from someone who can really understand what she is going through.



IF YOU LEAVE A GIFT TO THE LTA TENNIS FOUNDATION

You can tell us if you want to, but you do not have to. We would love to hear from you but please do not feel any obligation to contact us.

You have the right to change your mind about a gift in your will to the LTA Tennis Foundation and you do not need to tell us if you do.

If you do tell us, and you would like us to, we will keep you updated on our work and communicate with you in whatever way you would prefer.

We fully understand the consideration that goes into leaving a gift in your will and promise to handle any gift with care, sensitivity and respect.

The LTA Tennis Foundation's mission is to

IMPROVE LIVES THROUGH TENNIS

We believe everyone should be able to access tennis, so they can reap the many benefits that come hand in hand with the game, be they physical, mental, or social.

We support a diverse range of beneficiaries, but our focus is ensuring access to tennis to underserved communities and under-represented groups throughout Great Britain.

We know that tennis can improve and change lives and we are committed to ensuring more people across Great Britain can access the sport.

For more information about the LTA Tennis Foundation please visit www.ltatennisfoundation.org.uk or contact fundraising@ltatennisfoundation.org.uk



THANK YOU

for considering leaving a gift in your will
to the LTA Tennis Foundation and helping
us to improve lives through tennis.



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