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Capital Region Youth Tennis Foundation





annual report

MISSION STATEMENT











To reach out in a loving, caring way to the youth of the Capital Region, especially those in the inner cities, using tennis as the media Within that overall mission, the following seven operating themes are emphasized:

2. Promote good health (emotional and physical)

5. Support families

3. Instill positive values

6. Advocate good sportsmanship

4. Foster multi-cultural relationships 7. Encourage community service

2024 Capital Region Youth Tennis Foundation Board of Directors & Staff

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FROM THE Board President, Margaret Malicki

Executive Director: Amber Marino, Program Director: Domingo Montes, Education Director: Maxine Brisport, Director of Community Relations: Cindy Lyons,

n 2024, I began my fourth and final year as the board president. Much would remain the same throughout my terms; Afterall, why would you change things when the mission is strong and the outcomes are successful.

However, we had to recognize that things were changing. Moving from our first and only board president in Herb Shultz, had to include growing the roots he established and reinsuring our community of donors that 15-LOVE is strong and values our relationship with you.

We looked to strengthen our board committees and individual involvement with the purpose of broadening the face of the board and each of our understanding of the organization. With certainty, I can say we felt positively about the organization before, and now this has grown. Today, board members engage in more ways allowing the organization to evolve and deliver on its mission. Perhaps, there is no clearer example of this than the steps the organization would take near the end of the 2024 when learning that our long-term executive director, Amber Marino, would be taking a new job in 2025 (with United States Tennis Association, Eastern Section). The board organized with confidence and knew we could find an outstanding new leader despite the hurdle of replacing Amber who was the heartbeat of 15-LOVE having served in the position for more than two decades. (Maxine Brisport would be named and would later begin in 2025.)

This organization's impact on our youth is a terrific blessing. Your trust in our abilities is humbling. Thank you for choosing to support 15-LOVE in 2024 and your willingness to remain a critical partner.

FROM THE Executive Director Amber Marino

2024 was a fantastic year! Filled with new adventures and grounded in long-standing programs and relationships in the community. 15-LOVE did all the "things" – we continued our literacy programs with Kindergarteners at Sheridan Prep, and we idded a class of students with special needs. We continued our in-school and after-school tennis and education programs during the school year, and we expanded our middle and high school programs.

We continued our amazing summer program – probably our most well-known and definitely our longest-running program, and we added more high school readiness and adaptive programs that attracted new families. We held our ever-popular community Book Giveaways, and we added some super fun Courtside Creativity and Courtside Costume events in the Fall. We brought in our new crop of instructors in June for a week of training as we always do, and piloted a program for 14 and 15 year-olds to begin working and learning and building their skills. We did it all. And then some. And it was fabulous and busy and crazy and built community. There were some bumps along the way – there always are – but that is how we grow as an organization. We faced some difficult situations with kids and families – but that is how we know we are doing the work we need to be doing in the community. That is how our mission and culture of reaching out in a loving, caring way sets us apart and makes all the difference.

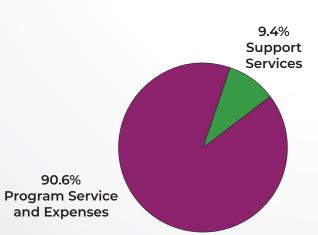
2024 also brought my decision to take a different full-time position. It's hard to believe that this is my final annual report message. It's hard to even get by that sentence, but here we are. 15-LOVE has been part of my life and my second family since 1996. That won't change. What will change is the way that I support the organization daily. There are no sufficient words to clearly state my gratefulness for the trust you have placed in me over the years to help shepherd this organization and be part of this community. My job was ever so simply to bring the mission to life in our community, to connect our every day to our board and supporters, and to keep the lights on. I could never have done any of that work without all of you. The support, guidance, and inspiration you have given me over the years has been immeasurable and has brought us to this place. I can tell you from going through this brutal process of leaving, that the stories I have heard of what 15-LOVE means to people, how it has changed and enriched their lives, and how they strive to find and create what they learned and experienced here out in the world, is outright humbling. There is still so much work to be done and I hope you will join me in continuing to uplift this amazing organization for many years to

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES **DECEMBER 2024**

Cash \$423,172 Investments \$2,100,649 Prepaid Expenses \$13,421 **Current Assets** \$2,537,242 Net Property and Equipment \$422,075 **Total Assets** \$2,959,317

Liabilities \$20,742 **Net Assets** \$2,938,575 **Total Liabilites and Net Assets** \$2,959,317

HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT



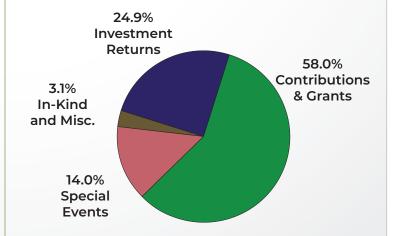
2024

Revenues Contributions & Grants \$564,489 Special Events (net) \$136,358 In-Kind and Miscellaneous \$29,757 Investment Returns \$242,628 \$973.232 **Total Revenue** Expenses

Program Service Expenses \$523,160 Support Services \$54,305 Total Expenses \$577,465 Change in Net Assets \$433,867 Net Assets

December 31, 2023 \$2,504,708 December 31, 2024 \$2,938,575

WHERE FUNDS COME FROM



(Not including unrealized investment loss in the investment portfolios





Schools, Community Partners, & Parks

Albany School of Humanities, Arbor Hill Community Charter School for Girls, Central Park Middle School, Eagle Point Elementary School, Delaware Elementary School, Giffen Elementary School, Hamilton Elementary School, Howe Elementary School, Keane Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Mt. Pleasant Middle School, Martin Luther King School of Excellence, Myers Middle School, New Scotland Elementary School, Oneida Middle School, Paige Elementary School, Pine Hills Elementary School, Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Roots Academy, Sheridan Prep Academy, TOAST, VanCorlaer Elementary School, Woodlawn Elementary School, Yates Elementary School and Zoller Elementary

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Albany Boys' & Girls' Club (multiple locations), Albany Brighter Choice Charter School for Boys, Brighter Choice JCC, Albany Parks & Recreation (multiple locations), Fairwood Apartments Tennis Facility, Gan Israel. Tri-City Tennis & Fitness, and Trinity Institute. Arbor Hill Park, Central Park, Frear Park, Hoffman Park,

School, Albany International School, Blessed Sacrament, Extended School Year, Albany Housing Authority, Alba Albany Sports Academy, Albany Tennis Club, BNC Health Academy, Camp Love Joy, Camp Metro, Capital District YMCA (multiple locations), Club Fed. Emma Willard. Hoffman Teen Center, Hope 7, Lansingburgh, Macedo Baptist Church, Police Atheltic League (PAL), Sportime

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