

What is our Mission? *“foster a lifelong love of tennis and learning”*

About RodneyStreet

Founded in 1978, Rodney Street Tennis & Tutoring Association is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and USTA NJTL Chapter in Delaware. RodneyStreet provides opportunities for children in and around Wilmington to reach their full potential on and off the tennis court and positively change their life trajectory. The lessons learned from this program go far beyond tennis. RodneyStreet combines athletics, life skills, and civic engagement to encourage the development of a child from a holistic perspective.

Funders

Support comes from foundations, corporate, public and private resources, and individual donors.

What is our Core Objective? RodneyStreet uses tennis to get kids to graduate high school and continue education as well as learning the sport of a lifetime. RodneyStreet strives to instill self-assurance and promote success. Whether we are celebrating victories on the tennis court or academic success in the classroom, RodneyStreet understands that everyday accomplishments can produce self-confidence and positive identities.

What Services Do We Provide? Our **On The Rise** year-round program model includes:

Play Day/Tennis Weeks promote and support community-based programming. RodneyStreet staff take over an entire day or week of physical education classes at area schools.

The **Fall, Winter and Spring Tennis Programs** offer high quality tennis instruction to beginner and intermediate players. Our weekday and weekend tennis programs focus on technique, strategy, fitness and nutrition.

The **Summer Tennis and Enrichment Program** is an 8-week, recreational program providing services to hundreds of children with an emphasis on tennis and complementary enrichment programming including life skills, social and emotional learning, arts education field trips and local community presenters.

How Many Youth Do We Serve? RodneyStreet currently provides services each program year to almost 2,500 boys and girls (ages 3-17) - most of whom reside in trauma sensitive neighborhoods in and around Wilmington.

Outreach

How Do We Connect with the Community? RodneyStreet is constantly building relationships with local schools, organizations, and community centers to provide in-school play days, after school tennis clubs and summer outreach. Our goal is to offer youth throughout Wilmington a taste of tennis and assist in the community task of developing talented athletes and productive citizens.

Program Partners

Outreach and recruitment is done in cooperation with local school districts, and other partnering organizations. Programs are open to elementary, middle, and high school students. Equipment, culturally relevant coaching and instruction, and other supplemental services are provided at low or no to our participants. Needs-based scholarships are available to qualifying families.

Why We Do What We Do RodneyStreet focuses on the need for quality out-of-school programs for youth in and around Wilmington. The organization partners with local school districts and the Department of Recreation to provide structured recreational and supplemental educational programming for boys and girls. During the out-of-school hours when children would otherwise have little or no adult supervision we offer supervised structured activities that promote healthy and active lifestyles.

Our Commitment

To develop physical skills, enhanced levels of fitness and a positive self-identity.

Advance the physical, social and emotional well-being of our program participants through partnerships with other leading non-profits, educational institutions, and local civic organizations.

To bring academic support services coupled with a nationally acclaimed life skills curriculum to those who would not otherwise have the opportunity.

Accomplishments

In 2015, 2016, and 2017, RodneyStreet received the Premier Tennis Provider Award and 2018 Community Organization of the Year by USTA Middle States Delaware District. RodneyStreet was recognized as Delaware's Community Tennis Association of the Year in 2013. RodneyStreet was named USTA Middle States National Junior Tennis and Learning Chapter of the Year in 2008 and 2009 and bestowed the 2018 William A. Hills Section NJTL Chapter Award.