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EMILY SCHAEFER OF HOUSTON WINS W.T. CASWELL AWARD

AUSTIN, Texas – Emily Schaefer of Houston, was honored with the 2015 USTA Texas W.T. Caswell Award for her valuable contributions as a volunteer, to the growth and development of tennis in Texas. Emily was presented with the award at the joint USTA Texas and USPTA Texas Division awards banquet in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

While the City of Houston employs Emily to direct tennis in its many parks and recreational facilities, it's her willingness to go above and beyond her job that distinguishes her. Under her leadership, programs for all ages and skills in diverse ethnic and economic populations have been developed. Emily has worked tirelessly to secure funds for her programs, recruit and manage volunteers while also ensuring that young players have access to mentors.

She has also dedicated herself to the Houston Tennis Association, the Houston Professional Tennis Association, the Wheelchair Tennis Association, Special Olympics, USPTA, USTA Texas and USTA National. The Houston Tennis Association has benefitted from her longstanding commitment to directing an NJTL program, which has served more than 7,000 youth in 45 parks and 30 schools.

This is not Emily's first award for her volunteerism. She was honored with the USTA Eve Kraft Community Service Award, the Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year award for sports and competition, and the USPTA Industry Excellence Award, recognizing her outstanding business acumen and a charitable attitude.

For more than 15 years USTA Texas has appreciated her countless efforts as a volunteer.

USTA Texas is currently accepting nominations for the 2016 W.T. Caswell Award. Applications can be found at www.texas.usta.com and are due by April 15.

The entire awards banquet can be viewed at the USTA Texas YouTube page.

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USTA Texas

Located in Austin, USTA Texas is a not-for-profit volunteer organization with over 52,500 individual members and over 600 organizational members. Since 1895, USTA Texas have been one of the 17 sections of the United States Tennis Association, the governing body of tennis in America. USTA Texas is the third largest of the sections and features a Pathway of tennis programs for beginning, recreational and competitive juniors, adults and seniors. With hundreds of volunteers, USTA Texas is devoted to promoting and developing the growth of tennis in Texas. For more information about USTA Texas go to www.texas.usta.com, "like" the official USTA Texas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ustatexas or follow us on Twitter @USTATexas.

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CUTLINE: (L to R): Joyce Dreslin, USTA Texas awards committee chair, Emily Schaefer, W.T. Caswell Award winner and USTA Texas president Frank Kelly. Photo by Pippa Horn / USTA Texas.