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STEVE MCMILLEN FAMILY OF AUSTIN WINS USTA TEXAS SECTION FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD

AUSTIN, Texas – The 2015 USTA Texas Section Family of the Year award was given to the **Steve McMillen** family, for their tireless contributions to Texas tennis. The McMillen family was presented with the award at the joint USTA Texas and USPTA Texas Division awards banquet in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

Annually since 1975, the USTA Texas Section honors a family for their contributions to Texas tennis. The family represents the development and promotion of tennis on or off the court on a local or statewide basis. The McMillens, of Austin, Texas, were proud recipients of this award, and have also been nominated for the nationwide USTA Family of the Year Award.

The McMillens are a true grass roots tennis family, they all love to play and are quick to raise their hands when help is needed in any capacity. The mother Jessica is the most actively engaged in tennis. She is a USTA League captain and co captain, as well as a previous board member of Women's Team Tennis of Austin. In addition to this, she helps tirelessly with junior and adult programs, tournaments, community days and mixers at the South Austin Tennis Center.

Steve travels for his job, but still manages to contribute to the promotion and development of tennis within Texas. Like Jessica, he was a Grand Prix Chaperone and is active in supporting the children's school tennis teams. Additionally, he helps to secure sponsors for tennis programs, dedicates himself to community days and mixers and helps scholarship kids with costs of tennis programs.

The children, Colin and Ruthie, are both champ level players who help with their parents at tournaments. Both are extremely accomplished tennis players, with Colin being the CATA Boys 12s Champion in 2012, and Boys 14s Champion in 2015. The same year, he was also named O'Henry Middle School's Most Valuable Player. Daughter, Ruthie played Junior Team Tennis and was CATA's Girls 12s Champion for 2015, and an Austin Grand Prix Team member from 2012 to 2014. She was also a former ball girl for World Team Tennis.

USTA Texas is currently accepting nominations for its 2016 Family of the Year. 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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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): Steve, Colin, Ruthie and Jessica McMillen, the USTA Texas Family of the Year with USTA Texas president Frank Kelly. Photo by Pippa Horn / USTA Texas.