



Press Release
19 February 2016
For Immediate Release

Katy Rogers Named PTR Volunteer of the Year

Hilton Head Island, SC - - Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) presented its annual awards Wednesday night during the PTR International Tennis Symposium. The event, which includes more than 40 educational presentations for tennis teachers and coaches, is underway until February 20, on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Katy Rogers, of Corpus Christi, Texas, has been named PTR Volunteer of the Year. A PTR Professional, Rogers was instrumental in organizing and hosting one of the organization's most successful ACE Certification Workshops in 2015.

Rogers is in her fifth year as the South Texas Tennis Service Representative for USTA Texas. For three years prior, she served as the Schools Coordinator and the 10 and Under Tennis Coordinator in the Section office in Austin. Rogers was a top-ranked junior player, however, she left the competitive side to focus on the parts of the sport that fuel her passions - fitness and movement. She is determined to make a difference in the 'lack of movement crisis' in our country, especially among children. Rogers devotes her time and energy institutionalizing in- and after-school tennis programming opportunities through partnerships with Community Tennis Associations, after-school intermediaries, and local tennis facilities. In 2008, USTA National recognized her exemplary work and dedication to the USTA Schools Program by presenting her the Head of the Class Award at the National AAHPERD Convention.

(more)

Page Two

A true advocate for the game, Rogers recognizes the value of commitment, service and stewardship. She truly wants tennis to be the sport of opportunity for children from all facets of life to learn and play, but more importantly, an opportunity for them to succeed. Her dedication and love of the game are instrumental in the growth of tennis in South Texas, however, it is her desire and willingness to go beyond her job duties to use the gift of tennis to inspire the hearts and minds of those around her that make Rogers unique.

She is passionately involved with Special Olympics, as well as at the State Competition. Recently, Rogers has seen success in making tennis a reality for the visually impaired. For the last five years, she has volunteered to bring tennis to the annual Christmas and Easter parties at the First United Methodist Church for Coastal Bend children who are battling cancer. This year, she played a huge role ensuring that the tennis community raised enough money to provide every child and their siblings with a free pair of tennis shoes and an appropriate sized tennis racquet.

Recently, Rogers embarked on an innovative growth-of-the-game initiative in an effort to attract more young adults, ages 39 and under, to tennis through a social club called Sets & Sangria. She then led the charge and through this group, planned and hosted a charity tournament to raise money for the Ark Assessment Center and Emergency Shelter for abused and neglected youth. Rogers considers it a privilege to use these programs and tennis as her vehicle to leave her mark on the community. She will continue her efforts to fulfill the mission of the USTA, but more importantly she is happily anticipating 'playing it forward' for many years to come.

(more)

PTR is the largest global organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 15,000 members in 127 countries. It has the greatest percentage of multicultural and women members of any such organization. PTR is dedicated to educating, certifying and servicing tennis teachers and coaches around the world in order to grow the game.

Photo from left:

PTR CEO Dan Santorum, Katy Rogers, PTR Board President Roy Barth

(30)



Contact: Peggy Edwards • PO Box 4739, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938 USA
843-785-7244 or 800-421-6289 • fax 843-686-2033 • peggy@ptrtennis.org • www.ptrtennis.org