



**The 47th Annual Music City Tennis Invitational Returns to Nashville April 17-19, 2020**  
*Time-honored tennis tournament to benefit the T.J. Martell Foundation for Cancer Research*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Jan. 15, 2020)** - The 47th annual Music City Tennis Invitational (MCTI) returns to Nashville April 17-19 to benefit the T. J. Martell Foundation and their mission of funding innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The two-day tournament will be held at the Brownlee O. Currey Jr. Tennis Center at Vanderbilt University.

“T. J. Martell Foundation makes a significant and lasting impression on those affected by cancer. By supporting MCTI, you are making a direct impact on their mission and those it benefits,” said MCTI Board Member, Patsy Bradley. “For 47 years the Nashville community has supported and championed MCTI, and we are thrilled to continue growing our incredible team of volunteers, sponsors, donors and participants.”

“We are so appreciative of the support MCTI provides our organization year after year,” says Laura Heatherly, CEO, T. J. Martell Foundation. “By supporting this wonderful event, you are helping us raise proceeds that will fund cutting edge cancer research right here in the Nashville community.”

The T.J. Martell Foundation is dedicated to funding the top cancer treatment hospitals and has provided more than \$280 million for research at flagship hospitals in the United States including the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center.

The annual MCTI event has raised more than \$1.7 million for Nashville charities, thanks to generous ongoing support from the music industry, corporate sponsors, donors, tournament tennis players and volunteers. In 2015, MCTI was the proud recipient of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Tennessee Tennis Charity Event of the Year.

Stay tuned for details regarding tickets and event registration. For more information on the MCTI tournament and sponsorship information, please visit [www.musiccitytennis.com](http://www.musiccitytennis.com) or the [MCTI Facebook](#) page.

**About the Music City Tennis Invitational**

The Music City Tennis Invitational is the longest-running music-related charity tennis tournament in the country. The nonprofit organization is sustained through its committed volunteers and support from entertainment industry and businesses across the country. MCTI was established in 1973 by music publisher Wesley Rose of Acuff Rose Music, Helen Farmer of the American Cancer

Society, and leaders in the music industry and business community. Their vision was to promote camaraderie among tennis enthusiasts while raising funds for charity. MCTI's honors include the USTA 2008 Southern Charity Tennis Event of the Year, as well as the USTA 2008 Charity Tennis Event of the Year and 2015 USPTA Tennessee Charity Event of the Year.

In 2010, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean honored MCTI with a proclamation recognizing MCTI's commitment to the Center and commending their service to the Nashville community. For its 40th Anniversary, MCTI 2013 received a proclamation from Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam commending MCTI for making a difference in the lives of children and families for 40 years. To date, MCTI has donated more than \$1.6 million to the Center for Child Development at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital. For more information, please visit [www.musiccitytennis.com](http://www.musiccitytennis.com).

### **T.J. Martell Foundation**

#### **Mission Statement:**

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#### **Boiler Plate:**

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's leading foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The Foundation was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$280 million for research at nine flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information on the T.J. Martell Foundation visit [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org).

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