**A message from PTRF Chairman, Scott Tharp:**

I’m often asked, “What is the Professional Tennis Registry Foundation (PTRF)?” The formal answer is, “It’s a 501 C 3 registered charity that serves as the charitable arm of the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR). It was created and initially funded by PTR founder, Dennis Van deer Meer, with the simple mission of making tennis available to everyone.”

But - to those that the PTRF has supported, it’s so much more:

*It’s life changing.*

*It’s a brand-new world, for children who have never laid eyes on a tennis court.*

*It’s the beginning of life-long friendships for those that have never been part of a team.*

*It’s learning how to lose with grace and win with humility.*

*It’s harnessing the crucible of competition and the power of collaboration to help countless young people reveal strength of character.*

*It’s a helping hand.*

*It’s hope where before there may have been none.*

*It’s a first pair of real tennis shoes – a first tennis racquet.*

*It’s the stuff boys and girls need to know about life but aren’t taught in schools.*

*It’s where so many NJTL participants first fell in love with reading.*

*It’s getting A’s because a coach you look up to demanded it.*

*It’s turning a D into a C because someone helped you.*

*It’s a scholarship to help defray the cost of college.*

*It’s the confidence gained from earning certification to teach the game that you love.*

*It’s a first job, and the only one you’ll ever really want.*

*It’s engaging with those who believe in you, even when you might not.*

*It’s an opportunity to figure out who you were meant to be.*

*It’s family.*

It’s not possible to provide such life changing opportunities without the support of our extended family – our PTR members. In the spirit of “paying it forward,” it’s my hope that you’ll consider donating the cost of just one private lesson or group clinic to the PTRF each year. You can make your donation today at this link [PTRF Donate Now](https://ptrtennis.org/ptr-foundation/) and truly make a world of difference in the lives of so many deserving people.

Thank you for your thoughtful support!

Scott

*The PTRF proudly supports projects that promote and preserve the legacy, vision, and spirit of Professional Tennis Registry founder, Dennis Van der Meer. Consideration for funding is given to educational, life enrichment, mentoring, and tennis programs in which the vision, values, and spirit of Dennis Van der Meer are clearly represented.*