



RSTTA ALL THE FACTS

What is our Mission? *“building lives through tennis and education”*

What is RSTTA? Founded in 1979, the Rodney Street Tennis & Tutoring Association, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization operating in Wilmington and New Castle County, DE, provides opportunities for children in the Greater Wilmington Region to reach their full potential on and off the tennis court. The lessons learned from this program go far beyond tennis. RSTTA combines academics, athletics, nutrition, and civic responsibility to encourage the development of a child from a holistic perspective.

What is our Core Objective? To use tennis as the hook to gain and hold the attention of young people. By doing so, RSTTA is able to provide much greater lessons in life. RSTTA uses tutoring to address educational needs and tennis to develop healthy lifestyles and essential life skills.

What Services Do We Provide? RSTTA currently provides the following year round programming:

The **Summer Tennis and Academic Enrichment Program** is an 8-week, recreational tennis program offered to hundreds of students with an emphasis on life skills and complementary educational services.

The **Family Focus Tutoring Program** works with the entire family in developing a customized study and lesson plan for each student throughout the school year. The program enrolls students from 1st grade through college and includes SAT prep programs.

The **Year-Round Tennis Program** offers high quality tennis and instruction open to beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Indoor tennis clinics at the DuPont Country Club focuses on match-play and tournaments. Select players participate in twice-weekly instruction in the fall and spring aimed to prepare players for higher levels of competition.

The **GED Test Preparation Program** provides an affordable “second chance” to high school dropouts and family members of Rodney Street students.

Accomplishments In both 2008 and 2009, RSTTA was named as the USTA/Middle States National Junior Tennis and Learning Chapter of the Year. In 2013, RSTTA received recognition as Delaware’s Community Tennis Association of the Year.

Who Can Participate? RSTTA turns no child away. Recruiting is done in cooperation with the local school districts, and other partnering organizations. All services including equipment, coaching, instruction, tutoring, and other supplemental educational services are provided at low-cost to our participants.

How Many Youth Do We Serve? RSTTA currently serves more than 300 boys and girls (ages 8-18) most of whom reside in *at-risk* underserved inner city neighborhoods.

Why We Do It? RSTTA focuses on the need for quality out-of-school programs for our inner-city youth. The organization partners with local school districts and the Department of Recreation to provide structured recreational and supplemental educational programming for boys and girls during the hours when they need it the most. It is during the out-of-school hours when inner-city children would otherwise have little or no adult supervision and are most vulnerable to undesirable activities. Steady increases in drop-out rates, delinquency and juvenile crime in virtually every Wilmington neighborhood underscore this urgency.

What Is Our Commitment?

To develop physical skills and enhanced levels of fitness among our students.

Advance the physical, social and emotional well-being of our students through partnerships with other leading non-profits, educational institutions and social service providers.

To bring academic support coupled with a nationally acclaimed life skills curriculum to those who would not otherwise have such opportunities.

How Are We Funded? RSTTA’s principal sponsors are **Comcast NBC10 Telemundo62** and **Comcast-Spectacor Charities**. Additional support comes from foundations, corporate, public and private resources.

What Are RSTTA’s Net Results?

- School attendance increased by 78%
 - Above average behavior increased by 62%
 - Unsatisfactory behavior decreased by 54%
 - Grade-to-grade matriculation eclipsed 96%
- (Data gathered from School District report cards)*