

Theme: Taking it further



# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

As a not for profit organization, our work is powered and brought to great deliverables through the support of benevolent individuals and organizations who are inspired by our story and work to reach out to young people in the attempt to contribute to their development and future.

We are heavily indebted to organizations such as the
Atlanta Athletic Club, Wilson, PTR, Head, DeKalb Tennis center,
Agape Tennis Academy, Drills Hills Country Club,
South fourth Tennis Center, Concourse Athletic Club,
Fieldstone Tennis Center, Sugarloaf Country Club, Harp Tennis,
Homechow and a host of individuals who have contributed in different
ways to make this flagship program a huge success, we are equally
indebted to the Ghana Tennis Federation under the leadership
of Isaac Aboagye Duah for the overwhelming support and endorsement
of this program.

Our thanks equally goes to great individuals who have been captured in different part of this report and to our Coaches and Volunteers who continue to support us in ways we cannot even imagine.

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Hope performance Tennis Inc. as a foundation is committed to empowering young people in Ghana using the game of tennis as a tool for development in a manner that provide for the youth, a platform on which they would be able to combine both the game of tennis and academic excellence for their own development that guarantees them a better future.

The success of the 2018 Hope Tennis Clinic and Club Tournament impressed upon us an undeniable evidence that tennis and for that matter sports and play has a great potential to impact positively on the lives of young people.

We were overwhelmed by the numbers and the level of participation of the kids during the 2018 program, the feedbacks we received after the program from the kids, coaches and parents were enough motivation to hit the ground running to continue on the path of mobilizing resources for the 2nd edition which has become another record breaker, a total participation of 624 kids from 5 regions of Ghana made up of 236 girls and 388 boys, supervised by 62 volunteers made up of 27 coaches and 35 general volunteers, who responded to our call to pour out themselves for the love of the game and the future of the kids all contributed to make the 2019 edition a huge success with interesting highlights that will be part of many talks and nostalgic moments for a very long time to come.

It is my delight to report that the 2nd Edition of the Hope Performance Tennis Clinic and Club Tournament is a huge success and I will like to use this opportune moment to register my appreciation on behalf of the President and Board of Directors of Hope Performance Tennis Inc. to all organizations and individuals who contributed in different ways to make this great program a success, we are truly confident that our mission of empowering kids through the game of tennis is a developmental agenda and each day we wake up we are embolden by this mission and our impact to continue on this path.

I wish you an interesting read of our work.

Yours in Sports
Cedric Dzelu
Executive Director
Hope Performance Tennis Inc





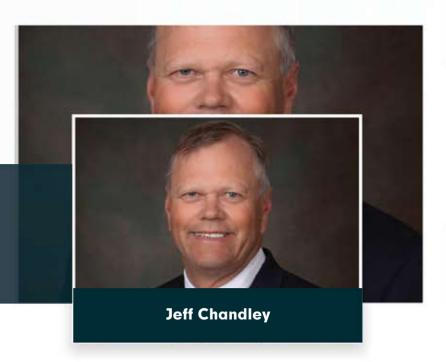
# MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

I am very grateful to all of our donors who believe in our cause and support us. This year's Hope Performance Tennis and Club Tournament was very successful bringing children from the Northern region, Eastern region, Upper East region and Ashanti region, some of who haven't traveled to the capital city before but through tennis these kids were able to travel to Accra all because of Hope Performance Tennis and all because they are playing the game of tennis which is giving them amazing exposures.

Our goal between the next five to ten years from now as an organization is to bring hope to young children across the country by bringing programs that will bring value to their lives, we recognize that lack of facilities, equipment and resources is taking a lot of opportunity from the children, for this reason we are strongly committed to mobilizing resources that will eliminate such barriers to provide for this children a better future through tennis.

Thousands of kids are missing out each day because of lack of opportunities that will enrich their lives, the Winneba Sports College is now in a bad state and no longer serving as the source of hope and grounds to raise national players like me, the cost of tennis equipment is too expensive for kids from difficult situation to acquire, there is not enough tennis tournament to help the kids put their skills to test to help them compete at the highest levels of the game but I believe with the help and support from the wonderful people and organizations that are supporting our cause we can make things possible.

# MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF TENNIS AT THE ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB



Jeff Chandley

**Director of Tennis** 

Atlanta Athletic Club

The Atlanta Athletic Club, its membership and staff are thrilled with the success of the 2019 Hope Performance Tennis event. Its second year exceeded expectations with 600 plus juniors in both the clinic and tennis tournament.

We as a membership and staff believe in the efforts and drive made by founder Enock Godi and his team of volunteers.

We know it will touch so many young lives through the game of tennis. We remain committed to support their efforts through financial gifts, product and prayers, knowing that tennis can be an outlet for many youth in all areas of Ghana.

Tennis remains a bridge between all social and economic communities, with the intent to develop not only athletic skills, but good sportsmanship to all that participate. Tennis is a sport of a life time and can be played and learned by all ages to develop these skills. Players just need a chance to experience this game with no hurdles in their way.

The success of the second year of the Hope Performance Tennis can be attributed to several factors. Founder Enock Godi's life story of tennis and how it strengthen his character and gave him the drive to better his life. He understands what tennis can do for those needing a lift. Second, because of his leadership Enock has connected tennis lovers in the United States with the Ghana Tennis Federation to bring tennis to all regions of the country. It is truly an inspiration for all tennis enthusiasts across the world.

The staff and membership of the Atlanta Athletic Club remain dedicated to seeing tennis grow around the world and to those that are less fortunate than we. Through our efforts we will support the goals of Hope Performance Tennis and its committee for future programs and efforts to grow the game and to help the youth of Ghana.

We are dedicated to this partnership and are blessed to be associated with Hope Performance Tennis and its leadership.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GHANA TENNIS FEDERATION



Since taking over as President after serving as Vice President for two years, the Ghana Tennis Federation (GTF) has chalked a number of successes, I will like to report that Ghana has moved from Davis Cup zone 4 to Zone 3 after an excellent performance by the Golden Rackets in Congo, the vision of promoting junior tennis is yielding great fruits as Ghana is the West African power house of Junior Tennis and am also happy to report that four different foundations have been established focusing on different areas of the game where Hope Performance Tennis Inc. is playing prominent roles in tennis clinic, tournament and the distribution of tennis equipment.

Leading Ghana to participate in the 2018 and 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) after a ten year absence has now contributed in putting Ghana on the international decision making table, the 2019 AGM has ratified a number of reforms to the game and it is my hope that all hands will come on board to assist in the implementation.

We want to see a lot of players on court we want to see them getting equipment, we want to see coaches being trained as well as referees who will be always abreast with the modern trend of the game.

The second edition of the Hope Performance Tennis Clinic and Club Tournament has provided an unquestionable evidence that the foundation is here to stay and committed to the vision of developmental tennis and I can assure the foundation of the continuous support of the federation.

I will like to use this space to thank the organizations and individuals who are supporting the Hope Performance Tennis Inc. to carry out the mission of empowering young people through tennis and their Vision and dedication to promote Ghana Tennis.

A once homeless Enock Godi who rose from the hustle and vulnerability of a young boy in the Capital of Ghana is our proud Founder and President. From age 11 Enock found hope and solace in hitting tennis balls and later became a ball boy as a means to make ends meet and to survive the hustle that has made other young boys victims of all kinds of social vices.

He was always found on the tennis court practicing and dreaming

of a future in tennis.

Enock Godi, the founder and President of the Hope Tennis Foundation is a product of ITF training centre in South Africa, where he received a scholarship to the Mount San Jacinto College in California.

He was part of the winning team in the
Southern California Championship in the
United States of America.

Our Founder and President played for the Golden Racquet of Ghana in the Davis Cup in Tunisia in 2012.

After featuring for the

National team he went into
professional tennis coaching plus
skill development aimed at
discovering rising future stars and
introducing the game of tennis to virgin
areas in Ghana in an attempt to give back
to the game in ways that eluded him

when he was young at the game.

He is currently a PTR Performance Professional and a certified USPTR 10U, 11 – 17 Professional at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Georgia, USA.

acticing and dreaming

**ENOCK GODI** (Founder and President)

Appointed to provide the necessary leadership for the Hope Performance Tennis Foundation is a man whose twin love for tennis and helping those in need is unparalleled,

not withstanding the fact that Cedric Dzelu could not achieve

his ambitions as a rising tennis player due to

financial and environmental challenges.

he undoubtedly see tennis as a tool for development

that can change the lives of many especially lifting

many out of poverty.

With over 11+ years of experience his expertise

meets perfectly at the intersection of communication,

marketing, finance, poetry, writing,

community service and volunteering.

He has distinguishably participated

in many historical conferences around

the world, taking up great

responsibilities ranging from conference

speaker, Lead facilitator, writing

conference report and poetic

performances in countries such as

the USA, Japan, Singapore, Philippines,

Thailand, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Kenya,

Senegal, Ivory Coast and Ghana.

Cedric Dzelu is a Change Agent of the

World YMCA and S2C Ambassador of

the African Alliance YMCA, the oldest

and largest NGO in the world into the business

of empowering young people by providing

young people with the space, platform and

giving them the voice to enable them transform

themselves and their communities.

Cedric holds MSc degree in Development Finance from the University of Ghana and BSc Marketing from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, (GIMPA).



CEDRIC DZELU (Executive Director)

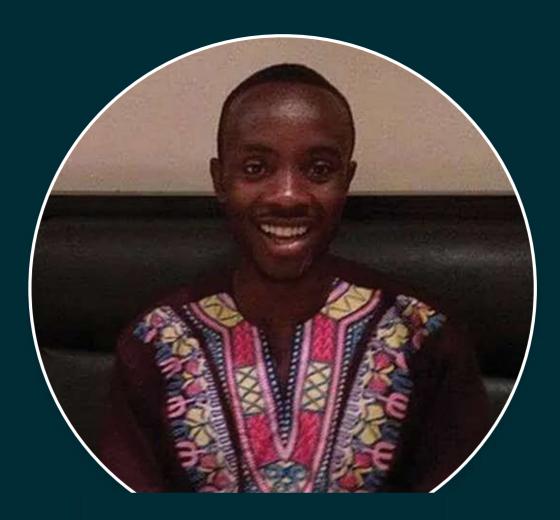


WHITNEY GODI
(Accountant)

Whitney is a graduate from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. She is currently the controller of Stone Showcase Inc.

She handles and manages all the finance operations of the company which is operating out of 4 locations. Whitney also hosts a podcast

Thank You For You where they gather people's stories of adversity to be broadcasted throughout the world to help others who are going through similar situations. Along with helping her husband's vision of Hope Performance Tennis, Whitney also enjoys traveling to new places and eating foods from all over the globe.



GIOVANNI ADINYIRA (Head of Programs and Projects)

Giovanni Adinyira is the founder of Afrika Tennis, a social media based tennis news outlet, an avid writer of short stories for children,

and is the 'In Country Representative' for Kingston Grammar School of England.

He was the tournament organizer of the Dowunor Invitational Tennis Series.

He is a tennis enthusiast earning the name 30 love, but most importantly, his passion is for the development of junior tennis players both on and off the tennis court, he has organized various exhibition matches and has a knack for breaking projects

down to the detail for effective management and execution.

We have no doubt that he is a great addition to our course.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Hope Performance Tennis Inc. is govern by a strong board led by a team of accomplished individuals in the field of business, sports management, public service and coaching ensuring that the foundation does not depart



## **PROFILE OF COACHES**

The Foundation is proudly associated with a number of very seasoned Coaches who are equally committed to the development of tennis especially at the junior level. These Coaches are distinguish in the own rights and brings years of worth of experience to raise the next generation of players and also to leverage on the on and off the court benefits of tennis to empower young people.

#### **COACH NOAH BAGERBASEH BUKARI**

Coach Noah is a house hold name in Ghana Tennis and holds an enviable reputation in African Tennis and beyond. He has coached at all levels of the game reaching the feet of Former Davis cup captain for five (5) consecutive years. Coach Noah is a graduate of ITF level 2 and 3 in Valencia Spain and holds a Master of Philosophy of Sports from The University of Education Winneba.

He has coached in three tennis academies in Spain and is

time lecturer in the PE department of University of Education Winneba He has conducted level one and two tennis coaching courses on behalf of ITF raising a generation of Tennis Coaches who are now blazing the trail in their own rights.

among other things the Director of national Tennis in Ghana, part

Right from this home Coach Noah has raised his children to become national champions and has produced many champions for the nation from being the first to put a racquet into the hands of many to grooming them to lifting up trophies and representing the flag of Ghana which earned him a special achievement award for being the best coach.

It must be put on record without any ambiguity that Coach Noah transformed the game and life of our Founder and President Enock.

Godi when he gave him a scholarship to the winneba sports college, the centre that broke the dawn for Enock.

## **PROFILE OF COACHES**



Coach Q as his affectionately called is an ITF Level 2 coaching
certificate holder, working with National Sports Authority and
also a National Coach. He captained the National team
to win gold in 2015 all African games in Brazzaville and
has produced a lot of good players for the National team.
He has handle the under 14 team to win gold in Egypt that
qualified Ghana to junior Davis cup in Algeria which we won
Bronze and that also qualify us to the Africa 16 best under 14
which took place in Switzerland where Ghana won Bronze medal

leading to the award of a Ghanaian player as 3rd best under 14 in Africa. Coach Q

has handled the Davis Cup on different occasions leading to winning the proud award of the best coach in Greater Accra in 2014.

#### COACH JOSEPH KOJO DOE-ADJANI

Coach Doe who began his tennis carrier as a ball boy at the former Sun Rise Hotel now Alisa Hotel, has become one of the fineness tennis players and coaches in Ghana who had won some trophies both in the juniors and the seniors categories respectively. He has been the champion of the age thirty (30) and above and currently the champion of the forty and above, has a number of trophies to his credit earned from both singles and doubles competitions respectively.

Thirty three (33) years of playing tennis experience and twenty eight (28) years of coaching experience, skilled on tennis coaching and playing. He holds a degree from

the Regent University College of Science and Technology as a Bachelor of Theology with Management.

Coach Doe holds the International Tennis Federation (ITF) coaching certificate in both Level One (1) and Level (2) respectively. Currently doubles as the Ghana Armed Forces tennis coach and the Ghana national junior's team, and also trains the University of Ghana Tennis Team for their various competitions both in Ghana and outside Ghana.



## **PROFILE OF COACHES**



Coach Ayi as he is widely known home and abroad has been in

tennis since 1979 working with junior players from zero to top

10 in the world. He holds an enviable reputation for

grooming players to play for the national team from the
junior level to the national level.

Coach Ayi is a must get Coach who has worked with the
International Tennis Federation in South Africa for 3 years, All
Court Tennis Academy in the US and currently working with the
Aviation Social Centre serving for the past 11 years.

He also Works with Ghana Tennis Federation and a holder of level two I. T. F certificate and instructor for level one I. T. F coaching course.

#### **COACH YAHYA MACAULEY**

From a humble beginning Coach Yahya has excelled from the junior level as a player into a phenomenal Coach whose hard work is now bearing fruits in many of the young players he is raising.

Coach Yahya is also blazing the trail as far as wheel chair Tennis is concern and has produced a player who featured in the London Open 2018 reaching the quarter finals. He has given momentum to the development of wheel chair tennis in a manner that wheel chair tennis is spreading very fast to cover all the regions of Ghana.

Coach Yahya holds ITF Level 1 and 2 certificate and is tipped by many as part of the next wave of coaches to take Ghana Tennis to the Next level. His ambition is to be a vibrant and

indispensable part of a dynamic team, inspiring and learning from the team, building himself into an epitome of coaching relations, the best of his kind.

# FUNDRAISING

As a Not for Profit organization, we rely heavily on the benevolence and support of those touched by our desire to contribute to the development of young people through tennis, to this effect we organized fundraising activities to give individuals and organizations the opportunity be part of this fulfilling and impactful journey. We are truly grateful to the following organizations and persons who have donated and made various donations in support of this mission.







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Sharon Rodriguez, Eric Koehler, Jill McDaniel, Ashley
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JUNIOR DAVIS CUP FUNDRAISER EVENT

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Tennis, Homechow and Osu Sub Chief

Atlanta Athletic Club, Wilson, PTR, Wilson, Head, DeKalb Tennis center, Agape Tennis Academy, Drills Hills Country Club, South fourth Tennis Center, Concourse Athletic Club, Fieldstone Tennis Center, Sugarloaf Country Club, Harp

#### **GOFUNDME**

Joseph Giles, Pam Starke, Julianne Royter, Carmen Garcia-Jersild, Ellen Griffin, Lee Callahan, Lynn Ganote

#### **WEBSITE DONATION**

Scott Levy, Louis Martey, Jessica Lewis, Alan Barnes, John Ballon, Marie Johnson, Elvis Silva, Denise Burdett, Nicole Hansotia, Matthew Sitler, Beth Sharon, Care Haynie, Kathleen Riordan, Sherri Harris, David Strickland, Clay

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#### **PERSONAL DONATIONS**

Warren Prehmus, Pamela and Raymond Russo, Randy McMichael, Elisa Herring and Tony Malone, Alex Marchetti, Linda Bloodworth, Fabio Zanni, Mark kim, James Braden, Scott and Gertchen Levy, Jim Harp, Sam Kennedy, Ben Hestley and Amy Pazahnick.

## VISIT TO AMTEC





As part of the practice and tradition of the leadership of the foundation, the team paid a courtesy call at the Army Officers Mess Tennis Court (AMTEC) to pay homage to the leadership and the members of the Club and to use the opportunity to invite them to the Hope Performance Tennis Clinic and Club Tournament. This visit was necessary because The President cum founder, Executive Director and Programs Manager are products of AMTEC with deep connections. Both Enock and Cedric were former ball boys of AMTEC and were supported in different ways by the Club members. The team was welcomed and well received by the Leadership of the Club led by Justice Oppong who is the Chairman of the Club, the leadership gave tribute to Brigadier General Salifu Yakubu who received the team last year, a trophy and other items were donated to support his memorial tournament.

# GROUND BREAKING ADDITIONS

The success of the 2nd Edition is enormously linked to great additions to our program features, we had participation of kids from 5 different Regions (Northern, Upper West, Eastern, Brong Ahafo and the Greater Accra Regions) as compared to the 1st edition where participants came from only the Greater Accra Region.

Participation also increased from 480 in the last edition to 624 participants with a big rise in the number of girls to 236 from 127 in the last edition. We were also excited to be honored by the presence of Asamoah Gyan the leading striker and captain of the Ghana National team who is undoubtedly a national icon and a model for the kids, we believed that his interaction with the kids will go a long way to nudge them to greater heights.

#### NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

5 regions of Ghana made up of 236 girls and 388 boys, we pause for a moment to rise and bow for our most valuable assets, our volunteers, 62 in total made up of 27 coaches and 35 general volunteers, who responded to our call to pour out themselves for the love of the game and the future of the kids.



## **VISIT BY DR. ZANETOR AGYEMAN RAWLINGS (MP)**







It has become the tradition of the
4 day event to profile national heroes
and leaders to interact with the kids
and to inspire them to greater
heights, for the second time the
kids were privileged to be joined
by Dr. Zanetor Agyeman Rawlings,
the Member of Parliament
for Klottey Korle Constituency who
emphasized on the need for the kids to embrace
discipline as their number one virtue
in their pursuit.





The entire tennis stadium came alive on Wednesday when Asamoah Gyan the leading striker and captain of the Ghana Black Stars visited the kids and entertain them to a tennis match against Enock and later inspired them to take every little opportunity that comes their way and to give their best at all times.











# HIGHLIGHTS OF TENNIS CLINIC

The Hope Performance Tennis Clinic was held
on the 4th and 5th of September 2019 which recorded
624 kids from 5 regions of Ghana made up of 236 girls
and 388 boys supervised by 62 volunteers in
total made up of 27 coaches and 35 general volunteers,
the kids were placed on four (4) different courts
designed to achieved different set of High Performance Training.











# HIGHLIGHTS OF CLUB TOURNAMENT

20 clubs in total participated in the Davis Cup like tournament where the kids displayed great skills and talents showing glimpse of what to expect in the future as far as tennis is concern, below is the list of the clubs coming from 5 regions of Ghana:

• STADIUM

• KOLE - BU

• GLTC

• BABOO

• G.O EUSBETT

AMTEC 37

• LA CONSTANCE

• PILANZY

• BOLGATANGA

TAMALE

• FLIPPER

VICKY PALO

• ST FRANCIS

• DEBITSON

• PROS IN THEMAKING

• ALTC

WINNEBA

• SHISHIJEE SHAD'E

· KALTESS

BURMA CAMP.









#### AWARDS AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony was a very colorful and joyous event for the kids and all of us where we were inspired by the words of the Member of Parliament for Klottey Korle Constituency, Dr. Zanetor Agyeman Rawlings, the founder and President of Hope Performance Tennis Inc. Enock Godi also used the opportunity to share his life story and to encourage all participants to always give their best and be committed to their interest and pursuits.

The Chief Executive Officer of Homechow.io the official food sponsor of the event also relish how the program was well organized and promised to bring onboard more support in the future.



#### **BOYS UNDER 16**

1ST Place Winneba Tennis Academy2nd Place Stadium Tennis Academy3rd Place Baboo Tennis Academy







#### **BOYS UNDER 12**

1ST Place St. Francis Tennis Academy2nd Place Stadium Tennis Club3rd Place Baboo Tennis Academy



#### GIRLS DIVISION

1ST Place Shishi Jee Shade

2nd Place St. Francis Tennis Academy 3rd Place Baboo Tennis Academy



#### **BOYS UNDER 14**

1ST Place Winneba Tennis Academy

2nd Place Baboo Tennis Academy
3rd Place Accra Lawn Tennis Club

# VOLUNTEERS

62 volunteers in total made up of 27 coaches and 35 general volunteers, responded to our call to pour out themselves for the love of the game and the future of the kids, they remain our greatest asset without which we cannot deliver on our promise and mandate, as part of our appreciation and a demonstration of their own development, we presented a volunteer certificate to each of them to further their course and as a prove of their selfless service.









# SOLIDARITY MESSAGES

#### WARREN PREHMUS FOUNDER AND MANAGING PARTNER, PREHMUS FINANCIAL PARTNERS

I am very pleased to be a contributor to Hope Performance Tennis as well as to be a HPT Board member. I do so because I believe in what the mission is and because I have seen great results. When I donate to a charity I am looking for Integrity, Mission, and Results. HPT has all three. I've known Enoch since he started working at the AAC and I love his heart for giving back to where he came from. It is a captivating story. I am not in a position to go there and do the work, but I like being a cheerleader and donating so that the work can be done. I also am impressed with the integrity with which Enoch leads HPT. It is my prayer that the mission would grow, the results would increase and that many lives would be touched through this organization. They sure are



#### **BRENDA BROWN**

My name is Brenda Brown and I am so excited to partner with Coach E and his board to spread the vision and fundraising efforts of Hope Performance Tennis. I met Coach E when he was our Tennis Pro at Horseshoe Bend Country Club. This guy always had the biggest smile on his face that was truly contagious.

Unfortunately, Coach E went to Atlanta Athletic Club but as fate would have it, we had chance meeting at his club and ours. We were chatting after one of our matches and he shared with me his story and his vision.

I was truly touched by his sincere motivation to give back because he knows that the people that gave him the opportunity and chance to make a life through the avenue of tennis changed his whole life. Shortly after, I began to reach out to others to share his vision and story.

In July, a few of us from Horseshoe Bend Tennis did our first fundraiser for Coach E. I was so thrilled that the members of Atlanta Athletic Club came out to support us as well! I truly believe Hope Performance Tennis is going to give so many young people in Ghana hope and a realization that they can have a future if they make goals for themselves. I look forward to sharing my passion for this oraanization in 2020!



#### **ELISA HERRING**

I was introduced to Hope Performance Tennis through a conversation with Coach E on the tennis courts when a mutual friend had commented how impressed she was with his foundation. I was not aware of his foundation at the time, but soon enough became up to speed. I am hopeful to spread the word about the amazing work Hope Performance has begun to accomplish in Ghana. I hope to see the foundation, one continued to thrive in the next 5 to 10 years and I would also love to see the non-functional school campus be functional again. The impact of this school would be tremendous to those young people that could use this as incentive to be able to gain an education, have room and board, 3 meals a day, and play tennis at the same time. For them to be able to focus on education and tennis without worrying about everyday life basics would be huge! Allowing them to see a different way of life, to succeed in a way they many have not even knew existed.

#### TRICIA MASCHERIN

My name is Tricia Mascherin and I am the owner of Peach Performance Tennis. I manage the tennis program at Fieldstone and have been there for about 7 years.

I have had the opportunity to get to know Enock at several tennis networking events in Atlanta throughout the last couple of years. During a recent GPTA event, Coach Enock was telling me more about his non-profit, Hope Performance Tennis. I found his mission to be very inspiring and through understanding more about his own upbringing in Ghana, I knew this is something I wanted to be a part of. Coach Enock and I set up a one on one meeting a few weeks later and brainstormed some event ideas and ways we could raise money for his foundation. I love how the mission is centered on helping the kids in Africa have better tennis opportunities.

In 5 to 10 years, I see Hope Performance Tennis further spreading their mission around the Atlanta Tennis community and continuing to gain the support of other tennis communities. My message to the young kids who are a part of this program would be to keep working hard! Tennis is a sport that can open the door to so many opportunities.

Thank you to the Hope Performance Tennis management team for partnering with Peach Performance tennis to bring this event to Fieldstone. It was truly an inspiring night. The kids enjoyed playing with one another as well as hearing Enock's story of overcoming adversity and how tennis has had such a positive impact on his life.





#### **ILEANA JENNINGS**

Enock's story touched my heart. He is passionate about his home country Ghana. He is as equally passionate about the positive influence tennis had on him. Enock knows his tennis ability is a God given talent and he uses this gift to reach out to the youth in Ghana. He combines his abilities and beliefs to help the youth in his country develop their own God given abilities. Tennis is the vehicle he used to better his own situation and he believes tennis can also be the vehicle to help others. It is my high honor and privilege to be associated, however minor, with Enock and his tremendous Hope Performance Tennis program.









As part of his visit to the States, the Executive Director,

Cedric Dzelu paid a working visit to

the Hope Performance Tennis Inc. Headquarters from the

5th August to the 11th August 2019 where he participated
in a series of activities intended to report on the operations
of the foundation, say thank you to donors and to call for

more support for the foundation.

#### MEDIA COVERAGE

The program received nationwide coverage through the publication of articles, television studio appearance and interviews, here are some links to the articles and videos.

TV: TV3, METRO TV, GTV, JOY NEWS, KATANGA TV, ATV

RADIO: ASEMPA 94.7 FM, UNIQUE 95.7 FM, ENIGYE 95.5 FM

ONLINE: GHANAWEB, GHANA NEWS AGENCY

#### **Article links**

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#### Video links

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