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# LEGACY *Life*

YOUTH TENNIS AND EDUCATION



## CTG Closing Ceremonies

On May 17th Legacy hosted the 2nd Annual Changing the Game (CTG) After-School program Closing Ceremonies. During the culminating event held at the Legacy Center players from all five of our sites were presented with Certificates of Achievement, competed against each other in a round-robin tournament, and enjoyed a healthy lunch. This event gave the Changing the Game students an opportunity to meet players and coaches from different sites and neighborhoods and to experience our state of the art Legacy Center. We believe that this positive experience encourages our CTG players to aspire to move along the player development pathway, but more importantly helps to create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. It was a fun filled day had by all!

## Liberty Bell Bash

The Liberty Bell Bash is a 12U team competition that took place on Saturday, May 18th at Legacy. The event consisted of sixteen teams of four players, in both orange and green ball formats. Legacy had four teams participate this year. All Legacy teams managed to finish the day with winning records. Our Legacy Orange Ball (10 and under) team made it all the way to the finals. Team tournaments such as this allow our players to enjoy low-pressure competitive matches against new opponents in a social setting. This tournament, and others, give Legacy a chance to welcome players from all over the Middle States section and experience Legacy's warm hospitality. All of the kids enjoyed the day and had a great time showcasing their abilities.



## Family Nights

Family nights occur twice per year at each one of our five participating after-school sites during programming hours. "Changing the Game" Family Nights are designed to not only further promote after-school programming to participants and their families but it's a chance for the entire family to play tennis, receive nutrition education and have a healthy meal, together! This night also gives Legacy an opportunity to further engage and get to know our families in their communities while increasing their continued investment in our programs.

## Junior Instructor and Work Ready Program

This year Legacy's Community Tennis Summer Camp will be partnering with the Philadelphia Youth Network (PYN) and their Work Ready program to provide Philadelphia youth ages 14-18 with a meaningful, paid work experience. The youth come from communities throughout Philadelphia. These Junior Instructors (JIs) will be working at one of our 30 Community Tennis Summer Camp sites. By giving young people access to early work opportunities they gain essential skills such as communication, time management and accountability which enable them to be prepared for the work world. Preparing Philadelphia Youth to enter the workforce is good for not only the youth themselves, but the communities in which we serve.



## Special Olympics

Legacy partners with the Special Olympics of Philadelphia each year to offer a weekly 1-hour program at the center in East Falls. Led by Coach Jerry Colston, the 12-week program ends with the Special Olympics Spring Games held at Penn Charter on April 27th this year. Opening ceremonies were followed by competition among Legacy players and other Special Olympics program participants from around the greater Philadelphia region. Legacy coach Dean Smith and Temple graduate student volunteer Nikki Haynal worked alongside Jerry each Saturday in preparation for the culminating event. Legacy's shared goal with Special Olympics is to provide a platform for all players to develop new skills, be courageous, experience joy, and to share these gifts with their fellow participants, coaches, guardians and community.



**Our Mission: Preparing youth for success through our inclusive community, using tennis, education and character programming.**

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