



USTA NORTH CAROLINA

GRATEFUL GOBBLER

Recap

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In partnership with Community Tennis Associations and facilities across the state, the North Carolina Tennis Foundation (NCTF) hosted a series of Grateful Gobbler events.

The Grateful Gobbler is a state-wide campaign that was created to promote safe play during the COVID-19 pandemic and encourage communities to raise funds in support of local National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) chapters.

Each event was a Fast 4 format which created lots of fun, social play for participants. Over 100 people participated in the seven events hosted across the state in cities including Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Chapel Hill and Winston Salem.

Chad Oxendine hosted a Grateful Gobbler event in Les Myers Park in Concord, NC. All of the event entry fees went directly to the Foundation.

"I am grateful for the NCTF's support to my efforts in my community," Oxendine said. "They support and equip me in so many ways...I am thankful to partner with NC Tennis to promote tennis in my community."

Another event, hosted by Julie Dick in Raleigh, NC, received lots of support for the NCTF to provide opportunities for the local NJTL and under-resourced kids.

"Everyone deserves the opportunity to play tennis," Dick said. "Thanks to the NCTF, this is possible."

Amy Franklin, Director of Development & Programs for the NCTF, is grateful for the hosts and participants for promoting and supporting the Foundation.

"The NC Tennis Foundation is extremely thankful for the support of the participants and organizers of the Grateful Gobbler events held throughout November," Franklin said. "Their financial contributions help NCTF provide support for under-resourced players, programs and families through grant and scholarship opportunities; and help provide educational opportunities through National Junior Tennis and Learning, adaptive tennis, and training. Any amount of support, no matter the amount, helps make a difference!"

Help us continue to impact lives through tennis in North Carolina. Learn more about the NCTF and its efforts at nctennis.com/NCTF.