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It would be a really good thing that my NJTL would be known for how it made tennis very financially accommodating for kids who wanted to learn to play tennis. I realized that my tennis chapter was in an optimal position to make a difference. If someone could not afford to buy a racquet, lessons, tennis balls, proper attire or attain a coach, my chapter would assist through scholarships.

Awarding scholarships could help all households get kids exposed to tennis. Tennis is not the only sport that parents may be concerned about being able to pay for. But, knowing that there are options to be able to play is so worthwhile and meaningful to parents. And, that's only the beginning. When a child falls in love with tennis and he/she plays team tennis or school tennis or lots of tournaments, college scholarships to play tennis could very well be a part of that child's future, too. Tennis scholarships could potentially affect the lives of future generations.

Tennis is such a great sport. And, making tennis an affordable sport through scholarships obviously impacts the child, but also our community. If more chapters did this, perhaps more children would be playing and loving the sport that I love.