



Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Foundation Inc.

A close-up photograph of several bright yellow tennis balls with white stitching, set against a solid blue background. The balls are clustered together, with some in sharp focus and others slightly blurred in the background.

2022 IMPACT REPORT

January-December 2022

BUILDING NEW PROGRAMS ROOTED IN TRADITION

2022 was a year of growth, community, volunteerism, and impact for the SVB Tennis Foundation. As we grow the base of our 'program pyramid' and introduce tennis to hundreds of young students, I think about all the players who have passed through Zephyr Park. Thousands of amateurs, even some of the greatest players in the world, have played on the courts downtown Zephyrhills and surrounding areas. East Pasco is rich in tennis history, and we hope to inspire the next generation to continue these traditions of learning and growing through sport. We encourage our players to reach their full potential, whether they're striving for a scholarship like Sarah or meeting their best friends while becoming mentally and physically strong.

In 2022, our board grew, and our fundraising efforts increased, leading to the results you'll see enclosed. With the help of our sponsors, donors and volunteers, we're proud to have changed so many lives on and off the court.

-Nick Walton

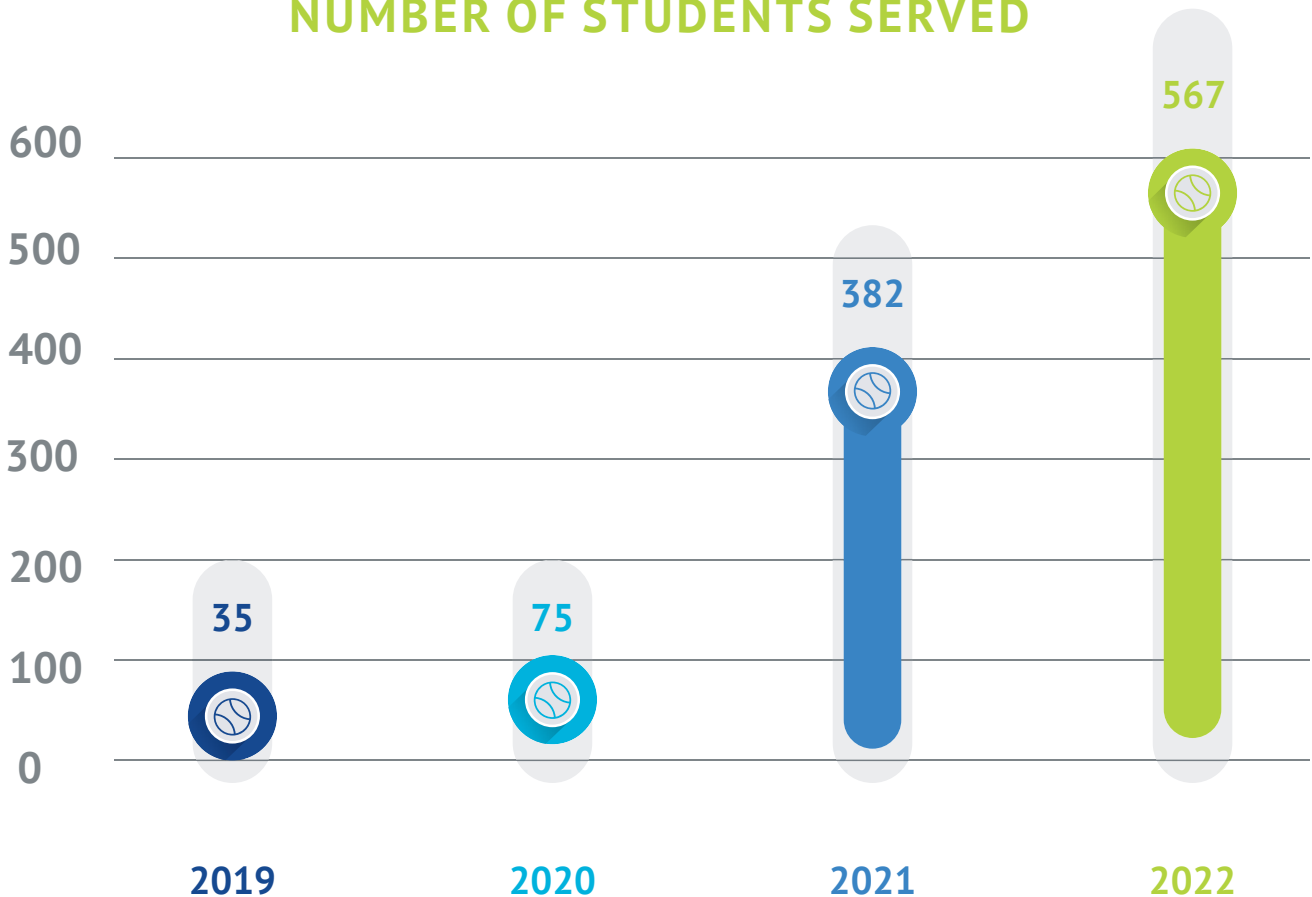
Executive Director, SVB Tennis Foundation

EXPANDING OUR REACH

We expanded our after-school tennis and education program from two schools in 2021 to four in 2022. We partnered with Pasco County Parks and Rec and the City of Zephyrhills to offer summer programs as part of their free and subsidized camps. Our outreach programs emphasize fun, learning new skills, and building confidence.

Before joining the SVB Tennis Foundation programs, 85% of our students had never picked up a racquet, and many had never participated in sports at all. Our programs are open to all interested students, are entirely free and modified based on the students' ages and ability levels.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

- 567 students served
- 176 program days
- 152 racquets given away
- 458 program hours
- 500+ volunteer hours
- 4 school partners

NEW PROGRAM PARTNER

We introduced a new initiative in partnership with Love Serving Autism and Pasco County Parks and Rec to provide a free unified program at the SVB Tennis Center. The program uses visual aids, modified drills, and low student-coach ratios to provide a learning environment where all children can thrive.



AMBASSADORS COACHING AND TRAINING

Our Ambassadors are critical to the success of our mission. Ambassadors are local high school students who volunteer as junior coaches and mentors in our after-school tennis and education program. This cohort trains together at the SVB Tennis Center and receives the equipment needed to train and play at the highest level at no cost to them. This group has doubled in size each year over the past two years.



For the first time in 2022, our ambassadors participated in a formal USTA Coaches Training Workshop in June. Also, tournament entry fees are now included in each player package which helps them establish their 'UTR,' a valuable statistic for college recruiters.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SVB Tennis Foundation awarded three ZHS seniors scholarships for their commitment to academic excellence, sportsmanship and community leadership. Congratulations to our 2022 scholarship recipients Emily Kirk, Madison Poe, and Brooke Baldus!



PARTNERSHIPS

Our partnerships help us grow, share resources, and jointly serve our communities. Each partner shares with us a common goal of helping young people become the best they can be using sport and education as tools for their success. Within each organization below are people passionate about doing the right thing for the young people of our community.

- City of Zephyrhills
- Pasco County Parks and Rec
- Pasco County School District
- USTA Florida Section Foundation
- SVB Tennis and Wellness Center
- Love Serving Autism

WHAT'S TO COME...

Our after-school outreach programs are expanding to 8 schools and our ambassador program will include students from ZHS, Pasco HS and Florida Virtual School. Our plans for the future include building a 'bridge' between our after-school programs and the high school ambassador program which takes place at the SVB Tennis Center. Talented, athletic and academically focused elementary and middle school students will have the opportunity for more training, competition and academic support! We will continue to grow, with your help, and reach more students in Pasco County and beyond!

HOW TO SUPPORT

Make your life-changing gift online:
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