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# Newsletter

Youth-created. Youth-led. Community-driven.



## Mayor McCutcheon Serving It Up - Play with Purpose Tournament

Sugar Land Mayor McCutcheon kicked off our inaugural Serving Aces Foundation tournament with the very first serve! Her support helped make the evening a special one filled with friendly competition, community, and fun. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make the event a success in support of our mission.



## Seniors in Action

There was something special about seeing our seniors laughing, moving, and enjoying the game together. Moments like these remind us that staying active is about more than exercise - it's about friendship, connection, and simply enjoying time with one another.



# 08.22.26

## A Winning Night

Our tournament was made possible by the generosity of our amazing sponsors:

- **Hillstone Homes and Mike Do**
- **The PressRoom and Jenny & Ricky Cardona**
- **Tiff's Treats Sugar Land**
- **The Doray Family**
- **Dr. Daniel Nguyen and Mrs. Kim Nguyen**
- **Anh Tran and Ngoc Dang**
- **The Hartgrove Family and Hartgrove Insurance Agency**
- **Sailo and Jennifer Lam**
- **The Janos Family**
- **Nora and Teddy Nguyen**
- **Gene Mai**
- **Austin Wang**

We are incredibly grateful for their support of our young leaders and the Serving Aces Foundation.

**Congratulations** to all of our players, with a special shoutout to the division winners!

### Rally Division

- 1st place: **Elizabeth and Loc Nguyen**
- 2nd place: **Albert and Alby Cruz**
- 3rd place: **Amber and Colin McCoy**

### Play Division

- 1st place: **Jerre Martinez and Kate Tran**
- 2nd place: **Armin Caratao and Constance Fulton**
- 3rd place: **Stephanie and Logan Rice**

Everyone brought great energy and sportsmanship to the court, and their support of our mission made the night truly special. It was wonderful to see so many people come together, have fun, and support a great cause. When we come together for our community, everyone is a winner!



# Leaders Who Inspire



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## President & CEO, Hillstone Homes Mike Do

For **Mike Do**, the American dream isn't just an idea - it's something he has lived.

Mike grew up in France before immigrating to the United States as a teenager. While attending college, he worked full time at la Madeleine, balancing work and school while earning both his BBA in Finance and MBA in Finance. His strong work ethic and natural leadership skills quickly stood out, and shortly after joining the company, he moved into a management role.

After college, Mike began his career in finance with national homebuilders, eventually rising to CFO. The demanding pace of the industry fueled his drive to keep learning and achieving, but seeing the politics and inefficiencies within large organizations eventually inspired him to build something of his own.

That decision led to **Hillstone Homes**.

Today, Hillstone Homes is building throughout the Houston area, and the work has never been just about building houses.

## Building More Than Homes

What motivates Mike is seeing years of hard work turn into something bigger - giving individuals and families the opportunity to own a home, put down roots, and build a future of their own.

For Mike, a home can represent stability, opportunity, and the beginning of a new chapter. Being able to play a part in creating those opportunities is what makes the work meaningful.

## Advice for the Next Generation

Mike's advice to young leaders is simple: focus on tomorrow. Picture the kind of life you want, make a plan, and stay focused. There will always be distractions and setbacks, but letting them take you off course can put bigger dreams at risk.

And above all, work hard. Mike's own journey is a reminder that hard work, persistence, and a willingness to keep moving forward can open doors you may not have imagined.

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## Free Tennis Clinic 09.19.26

Learning on the Court



Our upcoming free tennis clinic will be made possible by the dedication of our junior coach, **Benjamin Angulo**, and the support of our Serving Aces Foundation leaders.

Benjamin will share his time, knowledge, and passion for tennis with young players, helping them build confidence, learn new skills, and enjoy the game. We truly appreciate Benjamin and our foundation leaders for investing in the next generation and creating opportunities for our community.

# Upcoming Events

## Kids' Meals Inc. 09.12.26

Help end child hunger.

Join Serving Aces Foundation as we come together to serve at an upcoming Kids' Meals volunteer event. Visit our website to inquire or register.





# Did You Know?

## Pickleball Edition A Slam Dunk...in the Kitchen?

Getting a slam dunk in basketball is a pretty great feeling. Getting one in pickleball? Not so much.

In pickleball, the kitchen is the 7-foot area on each side of the net, officially called the Non-Volley Zone. You can step into the kitchen to hit a ball that has bounced, but you can't volley the ball while standing in the kitchen.

So when that perfect shot comes your way, remember: Stay out of the kitchen unless the ball bounces first.





# Young Aces in Action

## Tennis & Pickleball

### Rising Stars on the Court

Congratulations to our very own VP, **Jaden Hsu**, for taking 1st place in Men's Doubles at a pickleball tournament on August 29, 2026! Competing at that level is not easy, but Jaden persevered, stayed focused, and came through with an incredible finish. We're so proud of him!

A big congratulations also goes to our VP/Secretary, **Lanah Wu**, for winning both of her tennis matches and finishing 1st in her bracket!

A huge congratulations to our Director of Events & Planning, **Austin Wang**, winning both of his matches, and slipping in a few aces!



Congratulations to our Treasurer, **Nolan Wu**, who played his first match in the brutal heat for over an hour determined to give it his all, and came just short after some hard-fought tiebreakers.

Way to go, rising stars! Your determination, sportsmanship, and willingness to challenge yourselves are exactly what Serving Aces is all about. Keep playing, keep growing, and keep serving it forward!