

September 2026

Newsletter

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



Where Innovation Meets Community - HP Mid-Autumn Festival

Serving Aces Foundation was honored to be part of HP's Mid-Autumn Festival, celebrating culture, community, and connection, while giving our young leader, Lanah Wu, an opportunity to share the heart behind Serving Aces and our commitment to making a positive impact.



September Tennis Clinic

Our September tennis clinic was a great day on the court, bringing players of all ages together to learn, play, and enjoy the game. From first-time players to those looking to sharpen their skills, everyone had an opportunity to get active, build confidence, and connect through tennis.



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Strong Leadership.
Meaningful Instruction.
Lots of Fun.

Our September Tennis Clinic was a wonderful example of what happens when young leaders step up and lead with purpose. Directors **Benjamin Angulo** and **Emma Ly** did an outstanding job creating an environment where every student felt engaged, encouraged, and excited to learn.

From the moment the clinic began, Benjamin and Emma kept the energy high and wasted no time getting students moving. They incorporated a variety of drills, from **footwork and movement to proper racket-grip positioning**, while making sure students understood not only what to do, but why it mattered.

What stood out most was their ability to make learning both informative and fun. The clinic was filled with energy, smiles, and encouragement, while still maintaining a strong focus on developing proper fundamentals and building confidence on the court.

Benjamin and Emma demonstrated that leadership is more than simply knowing the game - it is about **sharing your knowledge, encouraging others, and creating opportunities for others to grow.** We are so proud of both of them and the time, energy, and heart they put into making this clinic such a success.

This is youth leadership in action - and it is exactly what Serving Aces Foundation is about.





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SERVING ACES FOUNDATION AT THE HP MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Serving Aces Foundation was honored to be a part of the HP Mid-Autumn Festival, where we had the opportunity to showcase our mission and share our commitment to serving and uplifting the community.

We are especially grateful to **Nora Nguyen** and **Anh Lu** for their kindness, leadership, and generous support. Their efforts helped make the event a meaningful and memorable experience, and we deeply appreciate the time and care they invested in bringing everyone together.

Events like the HP Mid-Autumn Festival remind us of the power of collaboration and the importance of creating opportunities to serve, connect, and inspire our community.

We are thankful to everyone who welcomed us, supported our mission, and contributed to the success of this special celebration.



Leaders Who Inspire

Founders Ricky & Jenny Cardona, The Press Room



A Simple Idea That Grew Into a Family Business

Behind every small business is a story, and for **The Press Room**, it started with something very simple: making shirts for **Jenny Cardona** and her husband **Ricky Cardona**'s son's fifth-grade retreat.

What began as a few shirts for a school event soon turned into family shirts, youth sports jerseys, and personalized items for friends, families, and organizations. What Jenny remembers most is that it gave their family an opportunity to spend time together, create something, and have fun along the way.

Today, Jenny and Ricky continue to run The Press Room as a family-owned business, offering different types of printing and personalized products. But for Jenny, one of the best parts is still the same - helping people take an idea they have in mind and turn it into something they can actually see and enjoy.

Quality, Care, and Trust

Jenny is meticulous in her work, takes pride in the quality of what she delivers, offers excellent pricing, and is simply wonderful to work with.

Advice for Our Young Leaders

When asked what advice she would give our young leaders, Jenny shared a message that fits perfectly with what Serving Aces is all about: Start small. Listen to each other. Recognize what each person brings to the team.

You don't have to have everything figured out to make a difference. Ask questions, learn from your mistakes, and remember why you started. As Jenny shared, a simple idea can grow into something meaningful when you care about what you're doing and the people you're helping.

Thank you, Jenny and Ricky, for believing in our young leaders and supporting what they are working to build. We are proud to have The Press Room as a Serving Aces Foundation sponsor!



Upcoming Events

Filipino American History Festival 2026
10.11.26 | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Come Play, Connect & Celebrate With Us!

Serving Aces Foundation is excited to be part of the upcoming Filipino American Heritage Month celebration at **The POST Houston!** Join us for a day of community, culture, and fun as we bring people together through the sport we love.

Stop by and support Serving Aces throughout the day for **free pickleball clinics, fun challenges, and plenty of opportunities to get on the court and play.** We'll also have a raffle for a chance to win a **new JOOLA Perseus Pro V Pickleball Paddle!**

Free Pickleball Clinic 10.17.26

Join us for a **FREE Pickleball Clinic** designed for players of every experience level. Learn new techniques, build confidence, and enjoy a great time playing with others in a welcoming environment. Whether you're just getting started or already love the game, there's a place for you. Register today to reserve your spot! Email: together@servingacesfoundation.org

COMING THIS NOVEMBER

Student Art. Student Leaders.

This November, Serving Aces Foundation will launch a special student-led fundraiser featuring beautiful, one-of-a-kind artwork created by talented student artists from our local community. Each piece reflects the creativity, perspective, and passion of the young artists who created it. More details coming soon on our artists and how you can discover these original works to support Serving Aces Foundation.



Did You Know?

Why Is Zero Called “Love” in Tennis?

Have you ever wondered why tennis players say “love” instead of “zero” when keeping score?

No one knows exactly where the term came from. One popular theory traces it back to the French word *l'œuf*, meaning “egg,” because a zero resembles the shape of an egg. Over time, the word may have evolved into the English word “love.”

Another theory suggests that playing for “love” meant playing for nothing—simply for the enjoyment of the game.

Whatever its true origin, “love” has become one of the most recognizable terms in tennis, adding a little history and mystery to every match.

So the next time you hear “love-all,” you’ll know there’s more behind that score than simply zero.



Young Aces in Action

RIISING STARS ON THE COURT

Congratulations to our very own Director of Community Outreach, Benjamin Angulo!

Benjamin put his determination and competitive spirit on full display at the USTA Juniors L5 Tournament, competing across two demanding days, September 26–27, and battling through four matches to reach the finals.

Benjamin faced a hard-fought final that came down to a gut-wrenching tiebreaker. He never gave up, fought for every point, and ultimately earned an impressive 2nd-place finish. Beyond the result, Benjamin's performance reflects the dedication, discipline, and perseverance that make him such a wonderful example of youth leadership.

SERVING THROUGH GIVING Kids Meals | 09.12.26

On September 12, **Isabella Fung, Lanah Wu, Emma Ly, Benjamin Angulo, Gene Wang, and Nolan Wu** came together to support Kids Meals, helping to prepare and provide meals for children in need.

Through their time and teamwork, our young leaders helped make a meaningful difference for many children and families in our community. It was a wonderful reminder that service doesn't always require a big gesture - sometimes, simply showing up, working together, and giving your time can have a lasting impact. We are proud of these young leaders for continuing to lead by serving others and putting the mission of Serving Aces Foundation into action.