



Dear Past and Prospective Pro-Am Supporters,

The Country Club of Roswell (CCR) will host its 33rd Annual Charity Tennis Pro-Am Invitational August 5-7, 2011. This award-winning tournament has raised nearly \$1,000,000 for local charities since its inception. Supporters like you have made this tournament successful. Please join CCR's members and the southeast's most elite tennis professionals in an effort to raise funds for this year's designated charities, Bert's Big Adventure and Special Populations Tennis.

Bert's Big Adventure takes families with children suffering from chronic and terminal illnesses away from the daily routine of stress and provides intimate time, where for a few short moments, their focus isn't on a doctor but turns to Mickey Mouse. The sight of another hospital is replaced by Cinderella's castle. A medical gown is replaced by glass slippers. Pain turns into laughter. When you take a peek into the lives of the families dealing with children with chronic or terminal illnesses, you can understand why one expense-free weekend at Walt Disney World is so meaningful. The daily lives of these families include fighting with the transporting of wheelchairs, watching their children endure another round of chemotherapy, insuring the proper pills are taken at the right time and worrying about the enormous medical bills. Bert's Big Adventure's vision is to charter a trip with these children and their families to Walt Disney World, complete with a private flight, hotel accommodations, Walt Disney World park passes, ground transportation and meal coupons.

Special Populations Tennis (Special Pops) is an organization that offers an adaptive tennis program specifically designed to share the lifetime sport of tennis with children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Programs offered free of charge to all skill levels, including those who never have played, include year-round tennis instruction, league play and tournament competition. An equally important aspect of the Special Pops program is the opportunity it offers these special athletes to build their self confidence and life skills through social interaction with each other and the many dedicated volunteers who run its programs. Based in the metropolitan Atlanta area, Special Pops is a registered community tennis association (CTA) of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and is recognized by USTA Georgia as the primary CTA in Georgia for teaching athletes with special needs and training coaches to teach tennis to these players. Special Pops also is an accredited agency of Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) and the only tennis training arm for many local SOGA-accredited agencies.

The Charity Invitational will begin on Friday morning with our Sponsor-Pro Round Robin and luncheon. The afternoon brings our ever-popular event, the Junior Clinic and Cookout. On Friday evening, dinner and dancing join the live and silent charity auctions. Saturday morning kicks off the tennis with a round robin format, and the evening winds down in the courtyard with dinner and music. Sunday we will conclude the tennis with the finals from each division and the awards and check ceremonies. Please come out and enjoy both days of food, fun and friendship.

Warm regards,

Matt Grayson
Tournament Director