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### USTA HONORS EAST PALO ALTO TENNIS & TUTORING WITH ITS NJTL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### Palo Alto Group Receives National Award for its Work in Enhancing Children's Lives

**ORLANDO, FLA., Oct. 16, 2017** – The USTA has announced today that National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) chapter East Palo Alto Tennis & Tutoring (EPATT) of Palo Alto, Calif., has been honored with its NJTL Chapter of the Year Award. East Palo Alto Tennis & Tutoring was honored at an awards luncheon involving community tennis leaders during the annual Next Generation Workshop, Oct. 13-15, at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World in Orlando, Fla.

EPATT's program has been in existence for more than 20 years. Its mission is changing the trajectory of youth in the community through student advocacy, parent coaching, academic tutoring and tennis instruction. EPATT serves as a national model for tennis and education programs and has had a strong, positive influence on the national NJTL network through the capacity building program. EPATT's model of intense tutoring and family involvement, coupled with the tennis, provides a much-needed service for youth in the East Palo Alto Community.

"We are proud to honor the work being done by East Palo Alto Tennis & Tutoring," said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. "EPATT is an outstanding example of how NJTL continues to impact today's youth by delivering programs that emphasize not only tennis, but also character and education."

Founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell, and Sheridan Snyder, NJTL is a nationwide network of more than 510 nonprofit youth development organizations that provide free or low-cost tennis, education and life skills programming to more than 225,000 children each year.

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