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The MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation (MWKF) was founded by former tennis professional and '96 Wimbledon finalist MaliVai Washington. The program began in the Jacksonville area in 1997 by offering tennis lessons to select Boys & Girls Club youth and has since expanded to provide a variety of youth development activities for young people in elementary through high school.

MWKF promotes academic achievement and positive life skills in Jacksonville youth through the game of tennis. Academic support, character development classes and community service opportunities are also provided, in addition to tennis. By correlating success on the court with success in life, we foster leadership, sportsmanship, self-esteem, confidence, discipline, accountability and the value of hard work, teamwork, and individual effort.

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- Founded by '96 Wimbledon finalist, MaliVai Washington.
- Programs began in 1997 and have touched the lives of more than 16,000 Jacksonville area youth.
- The new MaliVai Washington Youth Center and MWKF programs serve as a national model for youth development programs utilizing sports & education.
- The majority of our youth are from Health Zone I (the center is based in zip code 32209). Health Zone 1 has the highest incidence of family and child poverty, teen pregnancy/STD's, homicides, violent crimes and high school dropouts, among other sobering statistics.

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Serving hope,
changing lives

OUR MISSION

The ***mission*** of the MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation is to develop champions in classrooms, on tennis courts and throughout communities.

FACILITY

MaliVai Washington *Youth Center*

The MaliVai Washington Youth Center serves as the central home for all MWKF programs and services. It consists of eight tennis courts, three QuickStart (mini) courts and a basketball court. A 9,200 square-foot academic and enrichment building offers four classrooms, a multi-media center (including computer lab and lending library), community room, kitchen, teen room, fitness room, locker rooms and more.

SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

MENTOR

Volunteer one day a week and make a difference in the life of a child. Mentors volunteer between 3:30-4:15 or 4:15-5:00 (or both) Monday through Thursday and assist with homework.

SPONSOR-A-CHAMPION

Directly impact the life of one of our TnT youth by joining our Sponsor-A-Champion program. You'll be paired with a child and can keep up with their progress through quarterly updates.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

Make a donation, volunteer for an event, or attend one of our many fundraising events including our annual Celebrity Golf & Tennis Gala each September or our Kids for Kids Carnival each Spring.

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Visit our Website to find out more ways to contribute or join our mailing list!

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PROGRAMS

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The MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation has developed several innovative programs in Jacksonville in order to reach as many undeserved children as possible.

TnT: Our comprehensive after school program is offered to first grade through high school students in three program modules: TnT (for 1st-5th grade); Leadership (for 6th -8th grade) and High School LIFE (career & college prep). The program provides homework assistance, character development/ community involvement programs and tennis instruction and fitness.

Camp Dynamite: The summer version of TnT offers a traditional summer camp experience coupled with tennis and academic reinforcement.

Competitive Program: The Competitive Program is available to students who are athletically gifted and who maintain academic excellence and exceptional behavior. The Competitive Program consists of small group lessons, participation in Grand Prix tournaments, and USTA & Team Tennis.

Outreach/Partner Programs

Outreach programs are designed to provide a broad introduction to the sport of tennis to as many youth as possible. Programs and activities include one day clinics and assembly programs, summer camps, and school year programs with partner youth development organizations and local schools.

Scholarships: MWKF is committed to helping our youth succeed beyond high school. Since our program began, MWKF and our collaborating partners (including Take Stock in Children) have provided nearly $300,000 in college scholarship opportunities for our youth.