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Community Corporation & Mega Bingo pledge support for youth tennis

Guam National Tennis Federation recently received Community Corporation's pledge of support for youth tennis development initiatives in Guam through supplemental funding particularly for the sports organization's fast-growing U12 programs.

"With the support from Community Corporation for GNTF's youth tennis development, we're very excited to build on what we currently offer to U12 tennis players and coaches, as well as work toward initiating an interscholastic youth tennis league at the elementary and middle school level," said Torgun Smith, GNTF President.

Through a partnership with Tennis Academy of Guam, GNTF provides a free-of-charge, weekly tennis clinic for players at the U12 age group for three separate nine-week sessions. The sessions run by TAG coaches, made possible by grants from the Australian Open and the ITF's Junior Tennis Initiative, are part of an overall Australian Open Pacific Player Pathway program developed by the GNTF for young players in Guam. Additionally, TAG coaches engage in introductory tennis sessions at various elementary schools and GNTF provides those schools with tennis equipment to use in physical education classes or other tennis-related school programs.

"Community Corporation is pleased to support the Guam National Tennis Federation's Australian Open Youth Tennis Clinic program as it meets our objectives in helping our youth focus their energies on developing strong minds and healthy bodies and diverts their attention from otherwise harmful activities," said Community Corporation's David Tydingco. "Our ability to support programs like this is only possible thanks to the resources provided by Mega Bingo. We will continue to provide funding in the future to all programs that meet the mission of Community Corporation through the support of Mega Bingo."

All interested in taking part in the U12 tennis clinics are invited to attend the six remaining weekly sessions of the summer program. The clinic is held weekly on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort tennis courts. For more information about the U12 tennis clinics and other youth tennis programs, contact Joe Cepeda at 988-7479 or joe@tennisacademyguam.com