



2024-2025

PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT

Elevating Our Strategy to Champion Youth



TeamFAME inspires youth in greater Newport to thrive by unlocking their full potential, cultivating leadership skills, and creating lasting, positive change in their lives and communities. Thoughtfully designed to drive long-term outcomes across key areas of youth development, TeamFAME programs provide high-impact opportunities for growth on and off the court.

Launched in 2018 as a **National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL)** chapter of the International Tennis of Hall of Fame, TeamFAME has grown from a middle school afterschool initiative into a robust year-round program—including summer and high school programming—that supports youth throughout critical development years.

In early 2025, we adopted a **new three-year strategic plan (2025-2028)**, developed in close collaboration with our community stakeholders. This plan aligns with the ITHF's mission to inspire the next generation and strengthens

integration with other Hall of Fame initiatives, including the Museum and Hall of Fame Tennis Club.

Notably, free red ball clinics were launched in spring 2025, expanding access for local 2nd-4th graders and building a stronger, more inclusive pathway into both TeamFAME and the Club's Junior Program.

At the heart of our strategy are five priorities designed to reinforce our four foundational pillars—Tennis & Wellness, Character Development, Academic Support & Enrichment, and Community-Building—all of which drive progress toward our long-term goal: helping youth in Newport & beyond thrive.

TeamFAME's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan is Grounded in Five Key Objectives

INTEGRATION

Integration with ITHF Youth Programming

Strengthen collaboration across the Hall of Fame's youth initiatives to create seamless, connected experiences and maximize shared resources.

MEASUREMENT

Data & Impact Measurement

Advance our capacity to capture and communicate both short-term outputs and long-term outcomes through more intentional data collection and analysis.

GOVERNANCE

Operational and Governance Excellence

Invest in staff, systems, and infrastructure to drive mission-aligned excellence and improve efficiency across all facets of the program.

GROWTH

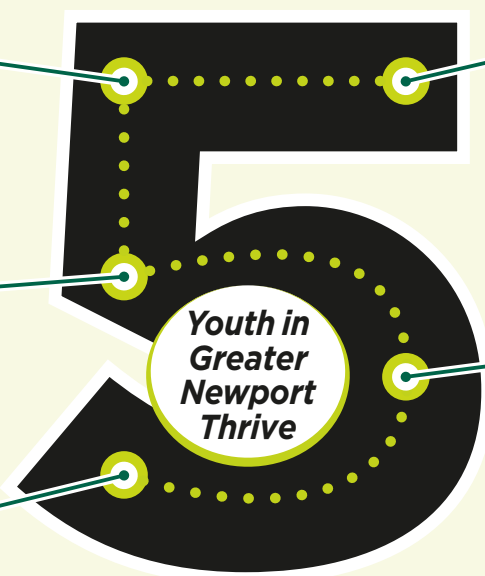
Program Growth and Sustainability

Expand and enhance middle school programming while formalizing high school offerings, with a focus on targeted mentorship and college, career, and life readiness.

PATHWAYS

Expansion of Junior Tennis Pathways

Broaden access to advanced training and competitive opportunities ensuring all youth can progress in their tennis journey.



Strategic Objectives

Designed to deepen our impact, strengthen our pillars, and ensure long-term sustainability.

IMPACT

TeamFAME's ultimate goal is to help **YOUTH** in greater Newport **THRIVE**

We center all programming around our four connected pillars that drive long-term outcomes and guide how we evaluate progress. In 2025, a third-party evaluator gathered feedback from youth, families, and community partners to assess our progress and impact. Here's what we learned:



"My favorite memory is meeting Kim Clijsters twice and her remembering me at the induction ceremony."

TENNIS & WELLNESS

TeamFAME cultivates a love of tennis through regular instruction and skill-building at all levels. Our students consistently ask for more court time—and we're delivering. This year, we added more match play, competitive play opportunities, and introduced trauma-informed coaching to ensure all youth feel safe, supported, and empowered.

100% of middle and high school participants improved tennis skills

100% of high school students said they enjoyed competitive play

100% of high school participants said TeamFAME helps reduce stress and anxiety

94% of middle school students reported being more physically active

72% of middle school students built stronger relationships with their coaches.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

TeamFAME builds strong character on and off the court. Through coaching, mentoring, and intentional programming, we help students develop confidence, resilience, and emotional intelligence.

92% of parents said their child has a better attitude at home

84% of middle school participants reported increased self-confidence

89% of high school students honed skills to better manage their emotions

71% of middle school participants learned to persist when things got tough



"He knows how to express what he feels and walks with more confidence."



"She's just an all around better kid thanks to the coaches and mentors at TeamFAME! It shows at home and at school—we're so grateful."



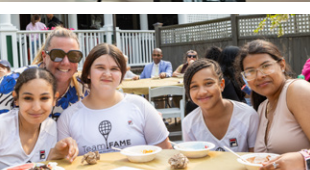
ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT

TeamFAME fosters a love of learning through engaging activities and real-world connections that build academic skills and broaden aspirations.

96% of parents reported their child developed a more positive attitude towards school

100% of high school students earned opportunities or scholarships they would not have otherwise had

67% of our high school students said TeamFAME shaped their post-secondary goals



"Seeing the growth over the last few years from when she started, she's gone from shy and nervous to confident, outgoing, with better grades. All-around better."

IMPACT BEYOND THE COURT

While TeamFAME participants report immense satisfaction and benefits from being part of the program, parents, community partners, and volunteers also report meaningful impact.

"Great group of coaches that really support the program with their heart. They treat the kids well, and teach them how to be better people."

COMMUNITY BUILDING

TeamFAME emphasizes the importance of community. Youth are connected with caring coaches, mentors, and community partners, creating a supportive environment where youth feel valued and encouraged.

100% of high school students feel supported by adults at TeamFAME

96% of parents reported their child is making better choices

84% of middle school participants said they feel happier and more positive

93% of middle school students learned the importance of gratitude

78% of high school and 84% middle school students gained awareness of environmental responsibility (recycling, composting)

88% of parents say TeamFAME has reduced stress and concerns about their child's development and progression through middle and high school

100% of community partners said the program provided an opportunity to support young people

86% of volunteers said they gained a deeper understanding of the community and a meaningful way to give back

SUCCESS STORY: **SOFIA**

Sofia, now a rising Junior, joined TeamFAME six years ago. As a young student, she sometimes found it challenging to manage her emotions. But with the consistent support of caring mentors, positive role models, and a nurturing environment at TeamFAME, Sofia developed meaningful strategies for self-awareness, reflection, and growth.

Young people can be the best version of themselves when they receive the support and empowerment that they need!

In 8th grade, Sofia participated in the Citizens Financial Literacy lessons, visited a local branch tour, and toured the Citizens Corporate campus in Johnston, RI. At first, she felt that the Providence area was "too far from home," but the visit opened her eyes to exciting career possibilities in marketing and design. That trip sparked a passion.

As a 9th grader at The Met School in Newport, Sofia secured an internship at DownCity Design in Providence, where she explored her creative talents through marketing and design projects. The following summer, Sofia landed her first paid job at the ITHE, where she was recently invited back for her second year. Today, Sofia gives back as a mentor in TeamFAME's after-school program and is a proud member of the TeamFAME Competitive Pathways program. Sofia's journey is a testament to how early exposure, consistent guidance and mentorship, and a supportive community can not only shape a student's path, but expand their sense of what's possible.



2024-2025 **DEMOGRAPHICS**

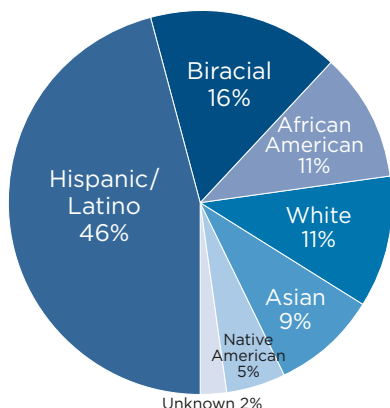
71 participants
57 Middle School & 14 High School Students

5th-11th grades

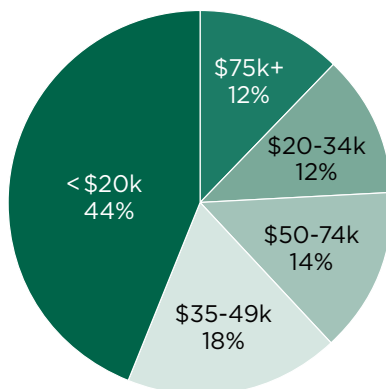
70% qualify for free or reduced lunch



RACE & ETHNICITY



HOUSEHOLD INCOME



PROGRAM METRICS

1,099 total hours of tennis instruction

317 total hours of academic support

6:1 student/staff ratio on-court

584 volunteer hours from the community

NEW PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

TeamFAME continues to evolve to meet the needs of youth in our community.

Community Tennis
Launched a free, six-week community tennis program, engaging 20 youth in greater Newport.

High School Program
Introduced a formal high school program around tennis and college, career, and life readiness. Fourteen students participated.

More Tennis Time
Significantly increased on-court time and play opportunities across all programs, deepening student engagement and skill development.