

### HOLLA Eagles Soar In First Tennis Match



On Saturday, September 6 the Holla Eagles tennis team traveled to Charlotte, to compete in a round robin tennis tournament at the Sugaw Creek Recreation Complex. This was the first official match for the eager Eagles since the Holla Tennis program was jump-started by the HOLLA! Let's MOVE Fitness Program to fight obesity among youth, three years ago.

It proved to be a challenging, yet rewarding day for the for the young eagles. The match-ups were randomly selected according to age, ranging from seven to 13. Each match was decided by the most games won in one set. The Holla Eagle Award for this match goes to Justice Ingram, a sixth-grader at Morven Elementary School, who finished the day undefeated.

"There were no losers in this event. The sheer effort and determination that our young people exhibited on the tennis court was encouraging and motivating," said Alex Gaddy, Activities Director for the Holla Center in Morven, NC. Gaddy also recognized how each participant seemed to thoroughly enjoy and grow from the experience.

The tennis program is designed to give participants valuable tennis experience as well as build lasting relationships and communication skills.

The team consists of several players, and the list seems to be growing by the day. Nyla Edwards, Destiny Pickett, Nakayla Robinson, Christopher Tillman, Taliyah Sharp, Za'Kiyah Hixon, Jakyri Hixson, Brenra Taylor and Jacqueline Cherry were among the players traveling to Charlotte for the competition.

"Holla commends the parents of these young people for being supportive of their ambitions," said Leon Gatewood, Holla CEO. Gatewood stated that development of the tennis team has been a three-year process made possible by support from the parents, community members, The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and The United Way. "We will need continued community support to sustain the project," he added.

Want to support the project? Call 704-465-1790 or 704-851-3144. You can also mail donations to Holla P.O. Box 88 Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Pictured above, Justice Ingram practices his serve the day before the match. Justice ended the day undefeated.



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Faith Based Center of Hope adopts a school and volunteers the entire school year. "I want to challenge more adults, especially our government officials to get involved in the schools," Sturdivant said.

"I love being a blessing to our schools, teachers and students," said Sturdivant. "This year our focus in the boxes was more for the teachers. So many times our educators have to take their hard earned salary and purchase school supplies. This should not happen."

Sturdivant concluded, "A special thank you goes out to Melanie and Allen Lyon, The Express Newspaper, Honorable Judge Lisa Thacker, Attorney Evadne Smith-Little, Elissa Sturdivant (CMC --Carolina Medical), Dr. Jim Sims, Register of Deeds Joanne Huntley, Senator Gene McLaurin, Garris Grove Baptist Church, Wal-Mart Associates, Jeff Knotts, Easter Rhue, Rosa Little, Frank Bennett and Winnie Brown for the generous donations given to Faith Based Center of Hope in order to make the Back to School with Pride a success."

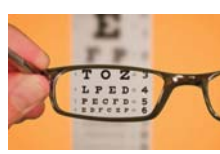






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