

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to recommend Mike Murphy as a tennis leader in our community.

Mike has spearheaded the USTA Team Tennis program in my Berks County region. He has done an excellent job of garnering enthusiasm and love of the sport of tennis.

I have come to know Mike through my daughter Kelly Gough. Kelly has played for the USTA Team Tennis organization for the past year. She participated in the winter and spring leagues and is a Varsity player for Twin Valley High School.

Kelly was able to achieve her spot on the Varsity team in part due to the instruction and encouragement of Mike Murphy. Mike met with Kelly for private tennis lessons over the summer. Her improvement was remarkable. She is winning her matches so far this season! Kelly only began in the sport of tennis a year and a half ago!

Mike's ability to reach the hearts of young tennis players is very apparent in the way he approaches the game of tennis. His enthusiasm for the game is contagious and is "right on" with the teens he works with! He is firm, funny and "with it" in his interactions with the kids. They LISTEN to him and respond in kind. Thus, they want to learn and improve in their game.

Mike's Set Point Tennis Organization is well-run and fun. He is always there way ahead of everyone else setting up tents, providing food and drinks, and making sure everyone is organized and ready to play! Kids are provided with nice shirts in a different team color that they are happy to wear and are proud of when they wear them at other tennis activities.

The cost of the program is affordable for most kids and food and drinks are provided free. It would be very nice if Mike was able to secure additional funds so the organization could grow and children who cannot afford the game of tennis might be able to participate. Who knows, we might find another Venus or Nadal!?

I was one of Mike's adult captains this past spring and I must say, as a middle school teacher, it was one of the easiest jobs of volunteering I have ever done. Mike made it smooth and enjoyable.

My daughter's winter team tennis group won at Hillcrest and journeyed on to the West End Racquet Club tournament this past July. Mike was our "fearless leader" that day and a great time was had by all!!!

I recommend Mike for all of the support, both financial and otherwise, that is possible so this tennis leader can grow the program for others!

Thank you,  
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