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### **Columbus Tennis Association pledges \$20,000 to fieldhouse project**

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**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – The Columbus Community Hospital Foundation would like to recognize the Columbus Tennis Association for its \$20,000 pledge to support the hospital's fieldhouse project.

The Columbus Tennis Association, founded in 1988, consists of local individuals interested in promoting tennis for people of all ages. The association brings awareness to the sport through its tournaments and leagues and provides financial support for local tennis facilities, equipment and nets.

The association uses the funds from its membership dues, tournaments and leagues, the Nebraska Tennis Association and other fundraising opportunities to support local development projects that help promote tennis and benefit the community. The last major project the association helped fund was the revitalization of Pawnee Park's tennis courts in 2011.

Bob Arp, chairman of the Columbus Tennis Association, said the COVID-19 pandemic and the loss of the local indoor tennis facility greatly impacted the association's membership levels. He was pleased to see the addition of the fieldhouse to Columbus, because it aligns with the association's mission of bringing awareness to tennis and increasing physical activity for people of all ages.

The new facility will include a 101,500-square-foot field turf area, batting cages, mini putting greens, tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts and volleyball courts. The plans for the fieldhouse also include racquetball, a cycle studio and spaces for personalized fitness, circuit training and cardio.

"The Columbus Tennis Association is thrilled to support the construction of the new Columbus Fieldhouse," said Arp. "With the addition of the fieldhouse and the ability to offer tennis year-round again, we hope to continue growing the sport and increasing physical activity within our community."



The association is hosting a membership drive in 2023 and is working with local pickleball athletes to resume league play and tournaments.

"Receiving this unexpected pledge from the Columbus Tennis Association is truly a testament to the local support the fieldhouse project is seeing," said Cori Fullner, executive director of the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation. "We are very excited to have the two tennis courts in the fieldhouse and know our community will utilize the courts for tennis and pickleball all year long."

For more information on the Columbus Fieldhouse or to donate to the project, visit [columbushosp.org](http://columbushosp.org).

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