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One common fixation that my family has always shared is its love for the game of tennis. Being taught by my father, me and my siblings would play with one another for hours on end during the summer. However, growing up in the inner-city, tennis was not an activity readily available to us. Bob Rush has been a tennis instructor for many years in the city of Milwaukee. Every summer he organizes a free tennis camp in the inner-city for young people interested in game. Many come out and participate yearly in the camp. He has professional colligate level tennis coaches from across the county come and assist the youth with the core fundamentals of the game.

By participating in his camps since the age of ten, I've watched my own personal skills shape and develop into the attributes of a fine player. I am currently a senior and have been on my varsity high school team since freshman year; fully knowing that I wouldn't have had the required skills had it not been for the assistance of coach Bob Rush.

My love for the game of tennis is deeply rooted, and I owe a majority of that love to Mr. Rush. Had it not been for his efforts to bring a sport to a demographic that would normally not have access to it, I wouldn't have had my eyes opened to something I truly enjoy. I consider Mr. Rush a community hero for the fact that he was able to create a hobby and a love that will stay with not only me, but hundreds of children in the city of Milwaukee for the rest of their lives.