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YMCA Lamar Tennis Center Named One of 24 Tennis Facilities Honored For Excellence as a 2018 USTA Award Winner

[BATON ROUGE, LA, September 6, 2018] – The Paula G. Manship YMCA, Lamar Tennis Center has been selected as one of 24 winners in the 37th annual USTA Facility Awards program, which recognizes excellence in the construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities throughout the country. To celebrate this prestigious award, the Y invites the community to come out to the Paula G. Manship YMCA, Lamar Tennis Center for FREE open-play during the week of September 16 through September 21.

“After a long and extensive renovation, we are extremely honored to be recognized as one of the leading tennis centers in the country,” said Christian Engle, President/CEO, YMCA of the Capital Area. “Tennis is a game for everyone, truly a lifelong sport, and our variety of tennis programs are a great way to bring our community together and build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. We are proud to offer a state-of-the-art facility for players to come together and enjoy the game.” The newly renovated YMCA Lamar Tennis Center features 20 outdoor courts: 10 hard courts and 10 clay courts. The tennis program offers junior academies and youth and adult leagues. Programs for special needs children and wheelchair athletes are also available. In 2017, the facility hosted 10 tournaments with more than 3,600 participants. The YMCA Lamar Tennis Center also hosts the Cajun Classic Professional Wheelchair Tournament, a premier ITF wheelchair tennis event.

To be considered for this award, facilities across the nation were judged on the following criteria: overall layout and adaptation to site; excellence of court surface and lights; ease of maintenance; accommodations for players, spectators and press/officials; aesthetics; graphics (including the use of signs and landscaping); amenities such as casual seating for spectators, food services and social areas; and the facilities’ participation in USTA programs. From September 16 through September 21, the YMCA invites everyone in the Baton Rouge community to the Paula G. Manship YMCA, Lamar Tennis Center to play a tennis match with friends or family. As a special thank you, the Y will waive the joining fee for anyone who joins the YMCA Lamar Tennis Center during this week.

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About the Y

Since 1917, the YMCA of the Capital Area has been serving the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Throughout our parish, the Y engages over 99,000 individuals annually – regardless of income or background- in hopes to nurture the potential of children, improve the nation’s health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support our neighbors. Anchored by the support of our volunteers, the Y has the long-standing relationship and physical presence not just to promise, but deliver, lasting personal and social change. Find out more by visiting www.ymcabr.org.