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PRESS RELEASE

Kimball Family Named Tennis Family of the Year

Atlanta, GA – January 23, 2008 – The USTA Southern Section recognized the Kimball Family as USTA Southern Section Mickey McNulty Tennis Family of the Year at the USTA Southern Section Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, GA. The Kimballs have truly shown their dedication to the game at all levels and have become influential in the growth of tennis in Shreveport, LA.

The term "eight is enough," does not mean a thing to the Kimball family. Eight is just perfect- just ask David, Caroline, Shaffer, SaraCaroline, AnneMarie, RebeccaGrace, Ian and Knox. The family that hails from Shreveport, LA is the epitome of a tennis family involved in every program that the game offers. President of Northwest Louisiana Tennis Association, David, was named Southern Tennis Professional of the Year in 2004. Since then he has worked on programs such as Fun, Friends and Fitness, Welcome Back to Tennis, and USTA League tennis. He served as Tournament Director of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation event and USTA Adult and Senior State Championships. A believer in grassroots tennis, David commits hours to school assemblies, middle school tennis and high school league tennis.

As if being a mother of six were not a full time job, Caroline Kimball captains Women's, Mixed, Combo and Jr. Team Tennis teams. She served as the referee for the Jr. Team Tennis State Tournament and is a Jr. Team Tennis Committee member for USTA Louisiana. Introduced to tennis on her first date with husband David, Caroline captains, participates, and officiates on a regular basis. She has been instrumental in Development Coaches' Workshops and has a passion for bringing tennis to young children.

Oldest son, Shaffer is involved with the junior program at Southern Hills Tennis Center and a member of several Jr. Team Tennis teams. The thirteen year old keeps busy helping his dad at the tennis center, but the two also share a bond off court. Shaffer has earned the honor of Boy Scout Tenderfoot Rank, a program in which his father also serves as assistant Scout Master. SaraCaroline, 12, also involved in Jr. Team Tennis can be seen helping out around Southern Hills Tennis Center. She is an up and coming junior player, finishing 2007 ranked No. 21 in the Girls' 12s. Younger sister, AnneMarie, had a busy year as she played in 15 sanctioned junior tournaments. Her Jr. Team Tennis team finished first at the State Championships in the 10-and-under division, where she teamed up with younger sister RebeccaGrace, 9, to win the championship. RebeccaGrace finished 2007 ranked No. 6 in 10-and-under division in Louisiana and No. 24 in the Southern Section. Ian, who turned 8 in January, is following suit with lessons, Jr. Team Tennis and sanctioned tournaments. Youngest of the gang, Knox, age 5, has already jumped into the tennis program at Southern Hills and is also considered the No. 1 fan of his siblings.

The Kimball Family was also named 2007 Louisiana Mickey McNulty Family of the Year.

Founded in 1881, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in this country. In addition to owning the US Open and selecting members of the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic teams, the USTA administers a variety of programs nationwide for players of all ages and ability levels and, as a not-for-profit organization, the association invests 100% of

its proceeds to promote and develop the growth of tennis. It is divided into 17 sections, of which the USTA Southern Section is the largest. The 168,000+ USTA members living in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee make up the USTA Southern Section, and account for approximately 25% of the total USTA membership. A professional staff housed in Norcross, GA carries out the USTA Southern Section's daily operations, but policy is formed and much of the organization's work is executed via a Board and committee structure of over 200 volunteers. For more information about the types of programs and services offered by the USTA Southern Section visit www.southerntennis.com.

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