

Hospital for Special Care's Ivan Lendl Adaptive Sports Camp Kicks Off its 23rd Year

Fundraisers, donations have been an integral part of making HSC Adaptive Sports Program a success

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (July 29, 2013) – Each August, campers, coaches and instructors from Connecticut and beyond join together at Hospital for Special Care (HSC) [Ivan Lendl Adaptive Sports Camp](#), for a week-long, free day camp offered for youth ages six to 19 living with physical disabilities. This year's Camp will be at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford from Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 9, 2013.

“Camp is one of the most popular and well-attended events in our Adaptive Sports Program, and the only one of its kind in New England,” said Janet Connolly, Sports and Community Program Manager, HSC. “Last year, we had 40 children sign up for camp, and we are excited to see that this year's campers will be coming from other states beyond Connecticut like Massachusetts and New York.”

Coaching and instruction in sports such as tennis, swimming, basketball, soccer and track & field is provided by experienced program specialists and athletes living with physical disabilities, many of whom have been recognized at the national and international level for their accomplishments.

“Several community fundraisers and generous donations have contributed to the overall success of HSC's Adaptive Sports Program, which allows children and teens living with physical disabilities the opportunity to build self-esteem, life-long friendships and the pursuit of athletic achievement,” Connolly noted.

For example, the 18th Annual Hospital for Special Care Ivan Lendl Golf Classic held on May 13, 2013, raised \$125,000 for adaptive sports and

therapeutic recreation programs of Hospital for Special Care and its affiliates. 129 golfers participated in the tournament, and 155 guests joined for dinner held at Wethersfield Country Club.

HSC's Adaptive Sports Program also recently received a generous donation of \$24,550 from the Willis Foundation that raised the monies through a series of employee initiatives like "Dine for a Cause" lunch fundraisers held in Hartford and at a Willis Charity golf tournament at Wampanoag Country Club.

Janeace Slifka, the mother of a child living with a physical disability, developed and coordinated the first Hospital for Special Care Ivan Lendl Adaptive Sports Camp in 1991, with the help and support of tennis legend [Ivan Lendl](#). As a former [World No. 1](#) professional tennis player, Lendl is the winner of eight majors and 94 singles titles overall on tour.

The deadline for camp registration is July 30, 2013. For more information on HSC's Ivan Lendl Adaptive Sports Camp, please call 860.832.6220, or visit www.hfsc.org.

About Hospital for Special Care

Hospital for Special Care (HSC) is one of the five largest, free-standing long-term acute care hospitals in the United States and the nation's only long-term acute-care hospital serving adults and children. HSC is recognized for advanced care and rehabilitation in pulmonary care, acquired brain injury, medically-complex pediatrics, neuromuscular disorders (including ALS research), spinal cord injury, comprehensive heart failure as well as diagnostic, assessment and consulting services for children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Located in New Britain and Hartford, CT, HSC operates inpatient and outpatient facilities serving Southern New England on a not-for-profit basis. For the latest news and information, please visit www.hfsc.org, and follow us on Twitter [@HospSpecialCare](https://twitter.com/HospSpecialCare).

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