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To: Marshfield Tennis Club (MTC) / and Friends of Peter Igo Park (FOPIP)

Re: Veterans Adaptive Wheelchair Tennis Program

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge The Marshfield Tennis Club (MTC) / and Friends of Peter Igo Park (FOPIP) for offering the VA Boston Healthcare System Veterans the opportunity to participate in the adaptive wheelchair tennis program. So far this program has seen Brockton VA Mental Health, Acute Physical Rehabilitation and Outpatient Veterans. This wonderful program which has been a success as well as a therapeutic modality helping Veterans reach their rehabilitation treatment goals. Veterans involved have a variety of treatment focuses including: inpatient rehab, outpatient rehab, new amputations, Alzheimer's/dementia, post stroke care, mental health/substance abuse and PTSD diagnoses.

The dedication, spirit, and enthusiasm that Bud Duksta, (MTC) and (FOPIP) personnel have shown to our Veterans have opened the doors and hearts of the participants that were involved. The Veterans have had nothing but positive things to say about the program and can't wait for the next session to get back out on the court! The interest has steadily grown over the last several months.

This is a wonderful, therapeutic program for veterans that are exploring recreation and sports as a healing, empowering resource and will give them the confidence to try other activities. The learning, social interaction and camaraderie obtained through the adaptive wheelchair program will provide long lasting therapeutic value and improved self-esteem.

We thank you, from the Veterans and the VA Boston Healthcare Systems Recreation Therapy department,

Sincerely,

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