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## **MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES HEAD COACH DAVE JOERGER TO CO-CHAIR THIRD ANNUAL “A SERVING FOR TENNIS” BENEFITTING TENNIS MEMPHIS ON THURSDAY, FEB. 18 FROM 7-11 P.M. AT THE CADRE BUILDING DOWNTOWN** *Double Your Passion for Tennis & Food With Discounted Tickets for USTA Teams Now*

**Memphis, Tenn.** – Memphis Grizzlies Head Coach **Dave Joerger** and his wife, **Kara Joerger**, will co-chair the Third Annual “A Serving for Tennis” event on **Thursday, Feb. 18** from 7-11 P.M. at the Cadre Building (149 Monroe Avenue), benefitting Tennis Memphis and their National Junior Tennis and Learning program (NJTL).

Discounted tickets for USTA tennis teams start at \$85. Tickets can be purchased [here](#), at [tennismemphis.org](http://tennismemphis.org) or at the following Tennis Memphis Centers: Bellevue, Eldon Roark, Leftwich or Wolbrecht. For more ticket information, contact Tennis Memphis by phone at 901-374-0603 or by email at [aivey@tennismemphis.org](mailto:aivey@tennismemphis.org). All proceeds benefit Tennis Memphis NJTL.

The Joerger’s host alongside Memphis Visitors Convention Bureau CEO and President **Kevin Kane** and his wife **Haden**, and **Brian Bendersky** and **Anne Wulff** in the third iteration of Joerger’s seasonal tennis event. Attendees will be entertained with music by the Dantones and sample offerings from 15 local Memphis restaurants and caterers serving up their own signature dishes, wines and beers, vying for the top spot as Best Chef as voted on by attendees. Live and silent auctions featuring one-of-a-kind sports memorabilia will also be on-site.

Over the past three years through its NJTL program, Tennis Memphis has experienced tremendous growth -- reaching thousands of children by delivering tennis throughout the Memphis community at seven public tennis centers, 17 community centers, two public parks, 20 Shelby County School district elementary and middle schools and four Boys and Girls Clubs.

### **ABOUT TENNIS MEMPHIS AND THE NJTL:**

For more than a decade, Tennis Memphis has impacted the lives of Memphis’ youth through its NJTL Tennis Summer Camps and year-round youth development programming at municipal tennis centers and schools in the Memphis area. NJTL was envisioned and founded by tennis icon Arthur Ashe as a way to make tennis available to underserved youth. Today, thousands of Memphis-area children who otherwise would never have set foot on a tennis court have benefitted from that vision. In addition to learning tennis, children are coached in academic excellence, life skills and leadership, and many of them ultimately attend college on tennis scholarships. Most importantly, they learn what it means to be good citizens. Tennis Memphis – building a better community and enhancing lives through tennis and education.

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