



Give It Your Max Founders Mike & Tara Stotesbury Receive Prime Minister Award from Tim Henman at Wimbledon

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Give It Your Max, a UK Tennis Charity, are delighted to announce that The Prime Minister has recognised Mike and Tara Stotesbury, the Founders of the charity for their exceptional service encouraging young people to play tennis.

Our Charity Patron, Tim Henman, OBE met with Mike and Tara Stotesbury at Wimbledon yesterday to receive their Points of Light award, which recognises outstanding volunteers who are making a change in their community and inspiring others. Each day, someone, somewhere in the country is selected to receive the award to celebrate remarkable achievements.

Theresa May said, in a personal letter to Mike and Tara:

"The fantastic work you are doing with 'Give It Your Max' has given over 100,000 young people the chance to get involved in tennis. It is a wonderful tribute to your son Max and his love of tennis."

Tim Henman said:

"As a patron of the Give it Your Max charity, I'm delighted to award Mike and Tara with a Points of Light award for their exceptional work encouraging more young people to play tennis in the UK."

On receiving the award, Mike and Tara said;

"We would like to thank the Prime Minister for the Points of Light award. We were very surprised and felt very delighted to hear about the award."

Mike and Tara are the 954th and 955th winners of the Points of Light award, which has been developed in partnership with the hugely successful Points of Light programme in the USA. Over 6,000 Points of Light have been awarded in the USA, and former Presidents have publicly supported the partnership with Points of Light UK. There is a similar cross-party approach to the UK programme and MPs from different parties often present their constituents with their Points of Light awards.

Regardless of whether it's a doctor restoring local monuments in her free time, a father teaching young people life skills, or a local musician giving a voice to

lonely people, the Points of Light award honours shining examples of volunteering across the UK.



Notes to Editors

- 1. The Points of Light awards recognise outstanding individual volunteers, people who are making a change in their community and inspiring others.**
- 2. The Prime Minister makes daily announcements of the winners to celebrate, encourage and promote volunteering and the value that it brings to the country.**
- 3. If people know someone who could be a Point of Light they should write to the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street.**
- 4. Website: www.pointsoflight.gov.uk**