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# CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN ANNOUNCES CHARITABLE GIVING INITIATIVES FOR 2023 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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CHARLESTON, S.C. – In partnership with several charitable organizations, the Credit One Charleston Open will bring support and awareness to numerous causes throughout the 2023 tournament. The event is the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America and was recently named the WTA 500 Tournament of the Year. The Charleston Open is scheduled April 1 - 9 in the renovated and modernized <u>Credit One Stadium</u> on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina.

Charitable initiatives include complimentary tickets to military members and juniors, a Special Olympics clinic and fundraising efforts for Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

## **Complimentary Tickets:**

In partnership with Credit One Bank, all active duty, veteran and retired military members and their families will receive complimentary tickets for all night sessions, as well as semifinals and finals. To register for tickets, please visit <u>https://www.vettix.org/tixer/get-tickets/events</u>.

In addition, Credit One Bank is pledging to grow the game of tennis by offering all juniors – 16 and under – free general admission access to the tournament with a ticketed adult. To redeem, call the Charleston Open box office at (843) 856-7900 or pick up a ticket on-site at the box office during the tournament.

## Pro-Am for Ukraine - April 2 at 10am:

The Credit One Charleston Open and WTA Charities have partnered with Ukrainian player Elina Svitolina to host a special Tennis Plays for Peace Pro-Am on Sunday, April 2, benefitting Ukraine and the Elina Svitolina Foundation. The Tennis Plays for Peace initiative seeks "to bring the tennis community and fans together to support the humanitarian relief efforts for the war in Ukraine." The tournament, in conjunction with WTA Charities, hosted a Pro-Am in 2022, raising \$100,000 for relief efforts in Ukraine.

## Aces for Earthquake Relief:

The WTA, ATP, ITF and the four Grand Slams have united to launch Tennis Plays for Love, a fundraising campaign to support those impacted by the disastrous earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The Credit One Charleston Open will partner with WTA Charities in support of Tennis Plays for Love to raise money for Global Giving's Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund, helping provide emergency relief and fuel long-term recovery efforts. The tournament will donate \$100 for every ace made by a player during the tournament. Attendees will be able to stay up-to-date on where the donations stand throughout the tournament via videoboards around the grounds.

## Special Olympics Clinic - April 5 at 2pm:

The Credit One Charleston Open, with support from WTA Charities and Morgan Stanley's Come Play

program, will host a Special Olympics clinic on-site with 30 Special Olympics South Carolina athletes and WTA tennis players. The program supports and inspires the Special Olympics' global inclusion movement to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities.

The nine-day Credit One Charleston Open showcases a singles draw of 56 players, a qualifying draw of 32 players and a doubles draw of 16 players. The event traditionally hosts more than 90,000 attendees on Daniel Island.

Charleston Tennis, LLC, which manages <u>Credit One Stadium</u> under a lease from the City of Charleston, recently renovated and modernized the 20-year-old facility. The city-owned venue underwent upgrades to enhance the stadium experience for patrons, performers, tennis players and event management, allowing the venue to attract world-class athletes and talent to Daniel Island.

The Credit One Charleston Open celebrated its 50th year in 2022. The tournament has been a pioneer in women's professional sports since 1973, paving the path for female tennis players to receive equal recognition, respect and pay in the sport. Originally held on Hilton Head Island, the event moved to Charleston in 2001 and is played on Daniel Island at the LTP Daniel Island tennis center, home to the Credit One Stadium.

Tickets for the 2023 tournament can be purchased online at <u>creditonecharlestonopen.com</u> or by calling (843) 856-7900. When purchasing <u>tickets</u> for the 2023 Credit One Charleston Open, patrons can choose from <u>single session tickets</u> (\$25+) from Saturday, April 1 - Sunday, April 9. All tournament packages have officially sold out for the 2023 tournament, inclusive of all 100 and 200 level packages.

For additional information, please email tickets@charlestontennisllc.com. For more information on the Credit One Charleston Open, visit <u>creditonecharlestonopen.com</u> or call 843-856-7900.

#### About the Credit One Charleston Open:

The Credit One Charleston Open is North America's largest women's-only tennis tournament and was named the 2022 WTA 500 Tournament of the Year. The event, formerly known as the Volvo Car Open, moved to Charleston, S.C., in 2001 from Hilton Head Island, S.C., and celebrated its 50th year in 2022. The Credit One Charleston Open traditionally welcomes more than 90,000 spectators each year. The tournament features a singles draw of 56 players, a qualifying draw of 32 players and a doubles draw of 16 players. In conjunction with Tennis Channel and WTA Media, the Credit One Charleston Open is showcased from the first ball struck in main draw competition to the last ball played in finals, throughout the U.S. and 174 international partners. The tournament receives more than 100 hours of tennis coverage, broadcast live from Charleston across the globe to millions of fans. The tournament is operated by Charleston Tennis, LLC. For more information on the Credit One Charleston Open, visit creditonecharlestonopen.com, call (843) 856-7900, email info@charlestontennisllc.com, Facebook (Credit One Charleston Open), Twitter (@CharlestonOpen) or Instagram (@CreditOneCharlestonOpen).

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